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The Rebellion of Grandma

By OLIN C. ORD

Mrs. Wilton's visit to Cloverdale was followed by grandma's removal to the city.

"The coming of the twins," the city daughter declared, "makes it imperative that mother now take up her residence in the city."

"But grandma seems so happy and contented here," John's wife had feebly protested. "She is so attached to the children——"

"That's just it, my dear sister-in-law," Mrs. Wilton had replied with a slight lift of the eyebrows; "she has become too old to longer act as nurse-girl, and John should realize that fact."

A little red spot burned for a moment on either cheek of John Farley's wife, but the hasty answer which arose to her lips was forced back, and she replied with quiet dignity:

"If you think grandma is being imposed upon by caring for my children, I believe you are mistaken, Helen. Grandma loves children and is never content unless she has one of them about her all of the time. And the twins—why, bless her dear old heart—she is as proud of them as you are of your Lillian."

"That may be true," the other had replied, a little abashed by the firm, gentle dignity of the mother of the twins; "but you have none of the modern conveniences here in the country. In our city home mother can pass her declining years, surrounded by luxuries and everything the heart can wish. What do you say to going home with me to live?" turning toward a meek-faced, white-haired old lady, who with a twin hanging to each hand had just entered the room.

"Me live in your noisy city. Land sakes! No, I prefer the country, where honest folks can sleep nights."

And she held firmly to this opinion until her proud daughter resorted to tears and declared that her life could never be what she would have it unless she might have the privilege of ministering to and making comfortable the declining years of her mother's life.

"Declining years, nothing," grandma had retorted. "I'd surely go into a decline if cooped up between brick walls in your hot city."

But the daughter was strong-willed. She had called upon a friend, a society leader, a few days before her visit to the country, and had there met her friend's aged mother. In fact old mothers were the fad in high society circles just then, and she determined to at once add a mother to her own stylish establishment. As a girl she had "bossed" the household, and she overruled every objection and carried her point in this.

"GRANDMA, A TWIN HANGING TO EACH HAND, ENTERED THE ROOM."

Mr. Wilton had made his millions in steel and sugar, and was able to provide an establishment second to none. And this his ambitious wife had not been at all dilatory in securing.

True, Mr. Wilton shone at his best in the downtown office, and much preferred its environment to the stilted atmosphere of his stylish home, although he could appear to good advantage in a drawing-room if occasion demanded. He was a graduate of Harvard, and in his younger days had been quite a society man. He was generous, broad and lovable.

Lillian, his only daughter, was the pride of his heart.

"Papa and I are chums," Lillian was quick to explain, if any of her young girl friends hesitated about accepting an invitation to accompany her on a trip because her father was the big steel magnate.

"Just come on, girls," Lillian would urge; "papa is the jolliest ever. All you need is to just know him outside of that old office."

And her description was a true one. Once away from business cares, and out for a pleasure trip with Lillian, Hudson Wilton was the most companionable man imaginable. If Lillian had a half-dozen girl friends with her for a trip in their yacht across the lakes, or an excursion by their special car into the mountains, his sole ambition seemed to be to make it a delightful event in the life of each. There was no vulgar display of wealth, for there were among her classmates the daughters of some poor men. But an invitation to be one of a house, boat or car party meant that joy and happiness would reign supreme while, as Lillian once shocked her mama by declaring, "papa paid the freight."

It was into this circle the wife of the rich Hudson Wilton had decided to transplant her aged mother; and, despite all protests, when she returned from Cloverdale, her mother accompanied her, a free but unwilling captive.

"I'll have to go to get rid of her," grandma explained to the weeping twins. "She always would have her own way in things. Don't you cry now, nor say a word to make your ma feel bad, and I'll come back some time with a pocket full of candy."

At this the twins only cried all the more lustily and declared they would not eat the candy.

"Susan, you have been more than a daughter to me," she had said to John's wife that last night before leaving. "I know I'd soon be a burden on you an' John if I staid, so it is best——"

'Don't, grandma, my heart is ready to break now, at the separation. You have been the only mother I ever knew; and the children love you so——"

"Tut, tut," grandma had replied, affectionately patting the weeping woman on the shoulder. "If you talk so it will only make it harder for me, and Helen will have her way, I suppose," and she looked meekly about as if appealing to some unknown person to declare that she had a right to decide for herself.

"I know you and John are having a struggle to pay off the mortgage on the old home and it is only right that I should go." The old chin quivered. "I could not bear the thought of the place passing to strangers. I love every board in the floors, which the feet of my little children wore smooth with their patter. That rosebush by the window father put out the day he brought me here the happiest bride the sun e'er shone upon; and that old lilac bush by the well William planted just before he went west. I can see him now; how handsome he looked when he stood at the door ready to go. 'Don't worry, Mamsie,' he said, using the baby name by which he had always called me; 'I'll go west and get rich, then come back and buy the old place so you and father can live here and be happy all your days.'"

"And he never came back?"

"That was before you came here, Susan. He wrote hopeful letters at first, then said he was going on to the Klondyke, and we might not hear from him for two years; and I have never heard a word from him since. Then John married you and has since been trying to save the old home. He has always been a good son to me, Susan, but my heart longs for William; my first-born; my lost boy."

Tears were streaming down the faces of each, as during this conversation they went for a last look about the old place together.

"I suppose Helen is right in saying it is her duty to take me to her home; but my old heart clings to Cloverdale. Why, I know every man, woman and child in it. I do not wish to be ungrateful to Helen, but if she wishes to make the rest of my life happy, why not have her rich husband buy up the mortgage and make John a present of the farm——"

"Because John would not accept," interrupted the other. "We do not ask for charity."

"Oh, dear me! Susan, you are getting nervous, too. Let's go in."

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Grandma was almost impatient with herself because of the interest she took in her new surroundings the first week in the city.

She had to admit that Lillian was as lovable as any of her Cloverdale grandchildren, and she did not protest when that lively young miss at once appropriated her and set about showing her to her young friends.

"This is my real grandma," Lillian would explain to a group of her young friends. "She has come to see something of life in the city, and I don't want her to get tired of us."

Perhaps the bright eyes of the young girl had discerned the undercurrent of unrest and longing which the new life, with its many diversions and added creature comforts, could not fill.

The daytime, with the bustle of servants in the house, or the excitement of carriage drives through busy streets, down beautiful avenues, or in handsome parks, was filled with real pleasure for the simple-minded country woman. It was the quiet of the nighttime alone in her room when the home-longing became almost unbearable. She would in imagination visit the old home again and romp unrestrained with the twins. "Why not go back?" something within kept struggling for assertion.

"If I had my own way I'd go back this very night," she whispered to herself one evening, when alone in the gloaming.

This was the first time she had given voice to her longing, before it had been the silent cry of her heart.

"Why shouldn't I go where I please? Who has a right to command me as to what I shall or I shall not do? and I want to go back to Cloverdale. And I am going, so there!"

"And when are you going, grandma?"

"Why, Lillie, dear, how you startled me. I thought you had gone to the opera."

"Cousin Kate took my place in the box. I didn't care——"

"I believe you gave it up on purpose to stay with me."

"And I returned to find you plotting to leave."

"But I must go back to Cloverdale. You are a dear and all here are too kind to me, but—but——"

"It isn't Cloverdale and the twins. Isn't that it, grandma?"

"Yes, that is it. You can't transplant an old bush. Your ma meant all for the best, but she doesn't understand. I can't explain it to her. I don't dare try. She would overrule me, just as she always did, if I told her I must go back; so, I—I——"

"So you are going to run away?"

"Oh, Lillie ——"

"And you want to go tonight?"

"I must. I can't bear it another day. My heart will just break——"

"But mama will not like it."

"I am seventy-four. I have done as your mother wished ever since she was able to walk. I think it time I now had my own way."

Lillian clapped her hands in delight.

"Grandma, you are actually handsome with that look on your face. You look as—as—well—like mama when she is determined to have her own way. I'll help you."

"You will?"

Then the two heads were soon together. At the close of the conference Lillian cautioned: "Then remember, grandma, the train goes at 9:20. Watch for the light in the arbor at nine."

Had the coachman been at home he might have noticed a slight figure, deeply muffled in a paisley shawl, stealing into the grape arbor not far from the carriage house, that night; but he had been sent by Lillian on an errand to another part of the city.

A small pebble struck against a window pane. A moment later a dark figure stole out of a side door, and was joined by the slight muffled figure from the grape arbor.

"Now, wrap this shawl around you, and put on your bonnet," said a low voice. "Are you quite sure you can walk three blocks to the station?"

"I could walk clear to Cloverdale," replied the other.

The two glided quietly along the fence until out of the carriage gate, to the station, then through the gate, just as the west-bound train pulled in.

"Here is your ticket and my other dollar," whispered the slight figure, as they came to the car steps. "Be sure you telegraph mama from Cloverdale early in the morning."

The one wrapped in the paisley shawl was helped aboard by the porter, and the slight figure was out again through the station gate running swiftly for the carriage entrance of the Wilton grounds.

The next morning there was consternation in the Wilton home when it was found Grandma Farley's bed had not been slept in and that grandma was missing.

Just as Mr. Wilton was about to telephone an alarm to the police station a boy came in with a message for Mrs. Wilton.

"Maybe it is from grandma," innocently suggested Lillian, who had been so indifferent about the disappearance as to make her mother question whether the child had conception enough of the gravity of the situation to be at all interested.

With trembling fingers she tore open the manila envelope and read aloud:

Cloverdale, September 6, 1903.—Too old to be transplanted from country to city. I have escaped and am back in Cloverdale to stay with the twins. GRANDMA.

"Well! well!" muttered Papa Wilton, wiping his glasses. "I suspected as much, and I am glad grandma had the nerve to assert herself.

"Why, Hudson Wilton, I am astonished at you. Mother is too old to know what is best for her. We must go right after her."

"She is not too old to have a warm, loving heart which rebels against your mistaken kindness, Helen. She has done just what I'd do myself under like circumstances. She would be happier living on a crust with the twins in Cloverdale than you could make her in the city with millions at your command. There is such a thing as oppressing one with kindness. I say again, I am glad grandma had the nerve to rebel and escape back to her Eden."

"But how could she get away in the night? Think of her being out, going to the train in that noisy station all alone. If only some of us had gone with her. How could she brave that crowd alone, Hudson?"

But that individual did not answer her.

"Lillian, you little rebel," he shouted, making a grab for her, as with red cheeks she started to leave the room, "Come and kiss your old father. You are the bravest little conspirator I ever knew."

"Why, Hudson—Lillian!"

Just then the messenger boy returned.

"Another telegram, sir."

Mr. Wilton opened the message which was dated at Seattle, Wash., and read:

Struck it rich in Klondyke; money by telegraph today; pay off mortgage on homestead; make mother comfortable; home at Christmas. WILLIAM.

"Then I suppose we must give her up, Hudson," said Mrs. Wilton, almost in tears.

"I suppose so," replied Mr. Wilton, with satisfaction. "We ought to."

"No, I'll tell you what we will do. Let us all go out to Cloverdale, when papa pays off the mortgage, and help grandma settle. When she knows she can stay there all the time if she prefers to do so, we can coax her to divide her time between the city and country—the summer in the country with the twins; the winters in the city with us."

"Lillian, you are a born general," replied her father, giving her a bear-hug to hide the moisture in his eyes. "We must surely go and help grandma settle. You better come, too, Helen; your mother will feel better if you do."

And they all went.

RED LETTER DAY ENTHUSIASM

By HEAD CONSUL A. R. TALBOT

Probably never before in the history of the Modern Woodmen of America has the enthusiasm of the membership been aroused to so high a pitch as during the month of January, just drawing to a close. The "Red-Letter" anniversary celebrations have by far surpassed all former demonstrations in behalf of our society. From every section of our jurisdiction the glad tidings are coming that the twenty-first birthday jollifications have been a success in the highest degree. Thousands of our Woodmen camps have properly observed our anniversary, and have begun the new year with a greater determination than ever before to plant the banners of our society upon still higher pinnacles. With such a healthy condition existing in every part of our jurisdiction, the outlook for a banner year grows more encouraging day by day.

I have received in my office during the past thirty days hundreds of letters and newspaper accounts describing the Red-Letter Day entertainments in the many states of our jurisdiction. From cities and plains, from the mountains and from the valleys the glad echoes of Woodcraft have been carried upon the breezes, and millions of our great American people have been brought to realize the power and scope of this gigantic organization—the leader of them all. The one thought and aim of thousands of our local camps during the past two months has been to plan and execute anniversary celebrations which would not only impress upon the people of their own communities the strength of our society, but would also scatter broadcast throughout the length and breadth of our jurisdiction a more extensive knowledge of the manifold results accomplished, in less than a quarter of a century, by a society which has overtaken all competitors in the splended work of advancing the doctrines of brotherhood and fraternity, and the protection of the home and loved ones in a substantial way. To ascertain their success one only has to refer to the congratulatory press notices from every city. Thousands of our best people have attended these meetings. Our orators and speakers have been in great demand everywhere, and their eloquent and convincing addresses have proven an inspiration not only to our own members and families but also to untold numbers, who have joined with us to pay a well-deserved tribute to an institution which occupies so prominent a place in the hearts of the American people to-day. As it will be absolutely impossible for me to personally thank the Neighbors and the camps everywhere for their willing co-operation in making the Red-Letter anniversary celebration a decided success, and to congratulate the thousands of camps upon the wonderful meetings of the past month, I want to take this opportunity of doing so. I am convinced this anniversary demonstration has been the most far-reaching and the most stirring of any former movement within the ranks of our society in recent years, and can not help but result in a solid onward movement all along the line. Our past record has been viewed with exceeding satisfaction, and, standing on the threshold of a new year, we look forward into the future with every confidence of reaping greater harvests and accomplishing even grander results in the years to come.

A. R. TALBOT, Head Consul.

Nature teaches us that we are social beings. Fraternalism exemplifies this teaching.

We Are Twenty and One To-Night.

BY C. C. HASSLER.

We are twenty and one years old to-night,
There is young blood coursing warm
In the great fraternal heart that beats
And braves each worldly storm,
We are grown to manhood, full of life,
We are full of nerve and fight,
We have bid farewell to our youthful days—
We are twenty and one to-night.

From far-off scenes in the wild, wild west,
Where the Rockies tower above
The vales and valleys stretched between,
There are songs of fraternal love,
And the Woodman's camp-fire burns and glows
With a cheerful, welcome light,
As the Neighbors shout, with grateful hearts,
We are twenty and one to-night.

In the far-off east, where the morning sun
First greets the coming day,
And the breakers dash 'gainst Atlantic's coast
And the shore is wet with spray,
There is heard the songs—glad fraternal songs
That we sing with such delight,
As we celebrate this grand birthday—
We are twenty and one to-night.

Across the table-lands that reach
With undulating sweep,
From where Ohio's waters leap,
Or current strong and deep,
Bear on their mighty bosoms craft
That picture in their flight
The onward voyage of a Woodmen craft
That is twenty and one to-night.

From every clime and from every shore
That gives us worthy sons,
Within whose hearts burn love for those
And within whose veins there runs
The blood of men whose aim and pride
Is to make their future bright,
And thus do honor to the name
That is twenty and one to-night.

God smiled upon us in our youth,
And gave us worthy men,
To bear our banner high aloft,
As o'er and o'er again
We scaled the battlements that frowned
As barriers in their height,
And placed our banner, thus inscribed—
We are twenty and one to-night.

We know no barriers that stand
Before our doors to say,
To worthy strangers—they are closed,
And turn them thus away
We say "come in," a Neighbor's hand,
Will vow fraternal plight,
And Neighbors' voices join in songs—
We are twenty and one to-night.

When Erin's harp is attuned to songs
That are sung in every tongue,
And the Shamrock twined in a wreath of love
Is worn by old and young,
And the grand old oak leaf, tinged with green,
Is the emblem greets your sight,
There is hope for the wife and dependent ones,
For we're twenty and one to-night.

Then here, where in our prairie homes,
Where blooming groves abound,
New homes for Woodmen shall each year
With joy and love resound;
Invincible our ranks shall be,
And victors in each fight,
For this shall be our souvenir—
We are twenty and one to-night.

Bloomington, Ill., Jan. 5, 1904.

RED-LETTER DAY.

The Twenty-First Anniversary of Our Society Quite Widely Celebrated.

In response to the proclamation of Head Consul Talbot designating January 5 as Red-Letter Day for Modern Woodmen of America, and calling upon the members of local camps to observe the same with appropriate ceremonies in honor of the twenty-first anniversary of our society, hundreds of camps met on January 5 and made the day a memorable one in the history of their camp.

At Lansing, Mich., January 5, the speakers were M. R. Carrier, member of the Board of Auditors, and State Deputy E. J. Bullard.

State Lecturer Brown was present at the anniversary celebration at Alma, Mich., on the evening of January 7. There was a joint installation of officers and the address by Neighbor Brown.

At Clay Center, Neb., the Red-Letter Day entertainment was attended by more than 300 Woodmen and Royal Neighbors. State Lecturer A. C. Epperson was present and said it was one of the greatest affairs ever held in the state.

Robin Hood Camp 31, Clinton, Ia., celebrated the twenty-first anniversary with installation of officers, followed by a public meeting and dance. A splendid program was enjoyed, as also the eloquent address by Rev. T. W. Cheesman, and the refreshments which followed.

The twenty-first anniversary was celebrated at St. Johns, Mich., on January 8, and was in the form of a joint installation of both Modern Woodmen and Royal Neighbor officers. The speakers were Neighbor M. R. Carrier, E. J. Bullard, J. Earl Brown and Head Physician F. W. Martin.

A very enthusiastic celebration was the one at Reed City on January 5. There was a banquet and program of toasts. Neighbor M. N. Callahan was toastmaster. The principal speakers were Hon. C. J. Byrns, member of the Board of Directors; State Lecturer J. Earl Brown, and State Consul A. N. Fleischhauer.

At Rock Island, the home of the society, the local camps united in a meeting which was attended by a crowd variously estimated at from two to four thousand. National Lecturer Whelan, Head Clerk Hawes, and Director Saunders were the speakers. Their addresses were followed by a program and cigars.

At Gaylord, Mich., the anniversary celebration was held on the evening of January 9. This was in the form of an installation of officers, the Royal Neighbors serving a banquet. There was a large crowd present and great enthusiasm manifest. Addresses were delivered by Director Byrns and State Lecturer Brown.

The four camps of Milwaukee, Wis., united in celebrating the day by a public installation, addresses and a dance. Speakers were Hon. C. A. Atkinson, of Chicago, and the editor of the Woodman. Supervising Deputy T. W. Newman installed the officers. The event was a most successful one and was greatly enjoyed by all.

A very enthusiastic anniversary celebration was the one held in Y. M. C. A. assembly room at St. Louis, Mo., on the evening of January 7. A crowd of 800 were present to greet Head Consul A. R. Talbot, who delivered a rousing address. Mrs. Lizzie Groninger, supervising deputy for the Royal Neighbors, spoke in the interests of that society.

Cedar Camp, of Davenport, Ia., observed the anniversary with appropriate exercises of a very interesting character. Hon. C. J. Saunders, member of the Board of Directors, was the principal speaker. The Royal Neighbors joined in the celebration and Mrs. Mary Fay-Hawes of the Supreme Board of Managers delivered the address for that society.

Camp 1537, at Anita, Ia., celebrated the twenty-first anniversary. There was a banquet, music and an address by State Lecturer Rev. D. A. Allen, of Iowa. The address by the state lecturer is said to have been one of the best ever delivered in the town, and was fully appreciated by the large number present, and a correspondent says many new applications are sure to follow.

Carl Riedesal, clerk of Camp 2303, Crookston, Minn., writes that Tuesday evening, January 5, was their regular meeting night and an interesting program was rendered. There was instrumental and vocal music, and addresses by I. N. O'Brien, L. E. Grossman and A. C. Clawson. A dance closed the evening and all who were present enjoyed the evening. He says they will start the New Year with brighter prospects than ever.

Victory Camp, at Greenville, Ill., the home of Past Head Consul Northcott, observed the twenty-first anniversary with a public installation of officers and a musical and literary program, a feature of which was the play, "Carl Johnson, the Woodman," which was put on in a creditable manner by the pupils of the high school. Past Head Consul Northcott was installing officer and the Advocate gives the event a half-column write-up.

The Woodmen of Chicago celebrated the twenty-first anniversary with a meeting at Handel hall on the evening of January 8. Neighbor O. E. Aleshire was presiding officer and addresses were delivered by Chairman of the Board of Directors Hon. E. E. Murphy, Hon. John Sullivan and Mrs. Mary Fay-Hawes, member of the Supreme Board of Managers, Royal Neighbors of America. The meeting was largely attended and much enthusiasm was manifest.

District Deputy S. E. Brisbin writes from Painesville, O., enclosing a clipping from the Daily Republican of that city, which contains a notice of the celebration of the twenty-first anniversary on the evening of January 5 by the members of Camp 2914. There were songs and recitations, an address by Venerable Consul Fred Green, a talk by Deputy Brisbin, followed by refreshments and a dance, making the event one of much pleasure to all who participated.

At Maquoketa, Ia., the anniversary was observed by a public entertainment, consisting of songs, recitations, and addresses. The address of welcome was by H. P. Harvey, and the principal address by Abb Landis, editor of the Criterion and former consulting actuary of our society. Following the general program a banquet was served, toasts being responded to by Abb Landis, J. H. Scholl, Mrs. Clara Gibson, N. H. Palmer, and visiting Neighbors.

Silver Bow Camp 5805, of Butte, Mont., celebrated the twenty-first anniversary with a public installation and an entertainment at the Auditorium on Tuesday evening, January 5. Following the installation ceremonies, which were conducted by State Deputy G. M. Roe, an excellent program was rendered, including an address on Woodcraft by E. M. Lang. The auditorium was handsomely decorated and a dance followed the installation and entertainment. The Anaconda Standard publishes the address of Mr. Lang in full.

District Deputy L. B. Koopman sends a copy of the January 3, Sunday Telegram of Providence, R. I., which contains notice of the twenty-first celebration of the society by the Modern Woodmen in Providence, giving a two-column write-up to our society, and publishing half-tone photographs of Head Consul Talbot, State Deputy Mode M. Pierce, District Deputy L. B. Koopman, and State Consul Geo. E. Quinn. Such generous newspaper notices must prove of great benefit to our society in Rhode Island and will be appreciated by our members in that state.

N. N. Bergheim, clerk of Camp 2372 of Little Falls, Minn., "Just to show that they are alive," as he writes, sends in a clipping from the Morrison County Democrat of January 7, which contains a half-column notice of what they were to do at the anniversary celebration of our society on Friday evening, January 15, at Odd Fellows' hall. State Lecturer Pillsbury, of Duluth, was to deliver an address and Hon. H. A. Rider was to act as installing officer. The evening must have been considered one of more than ordinary interest as an admission fee of twenty-five cents was to be charged.

J. C. Bradley, clerk of Camp 5323, Burress, Neb., writes that their camps celebrated the twenty-first anniversary by giving a public installation on Tuesday evening, January 5.

District Deputy O. E. Westcott writes that Camp 7226, of Colorado Springs, Colo., celebrated the twenty-first anniversary of our society on January 6 with a public installation of officers in which the Royal Neighbors also participated.

State Deputy S. C. A. Rubey writes: "It was a great meeting. Fully 1,000 people present. It will do this camp great good." This great meeting referred to was the anniversary celebration held at Bixman opera house, Monday evening, January 4, at Clinton, Mo., the home of our energetic state deputy.

James K. Perkins, clerk of Camp 4224, McConnelsville, O., writes: "Our camp celebrated the twenty-first anniversary Tuesday evening, January 5, by giving an entertainment and banquet. Neighbor W. B. Graham acted as chairman and Prof. J. N. Richardson made the principal address of the evening.

A. E. Smith, venerable consul of Camp 632, Minneapolis, Kan., writes that the most of the Neighbors of his Camp are pleased with the new rates of assessment, and he thinks there will be few, if any, who will lapse in his camp. They have a nice camp of 157 members and are working for more. They celebrated the twenty-first aniversary by inviting the Royal Neighbors to a joint installation, after which there was a program of music and recitations.

Deputy J. T. Townson writes that Camp 7535, of Santa Rosa, Cal., and Camp 3446, Royal Neighbors of America, of the same city, celebrated the twenty-first aniversary with a banquet, addresses and a dance. The hall was crowded with members of the two societies, their families and invited friends, and a splendid literary and musical program was rendered. The banquet was served by the Royal Neighbors, after which there were dances. Addresses were made by Attorneys Ross Campbell and S. C. F. Lee. Neighbor Frank Sullivan was chairman of the meeting.

The Daily Review of Monmouth, Ill., in its issue of January 7, devotes a column to a report of the anniversary celebration given under the auspices of Maple City Camp 94 of that city. Director Geo. W. Reilly, of Danville, was the principal speaker of the evening. With him were W. H. Dwyer, state deputy, and C. S. Townley, district deputy. The Review says: "The exercises will long be remembered by Woodmen of this county who were fortunate enough to be present." After the speaking a social evening was enjoyed.

Deputy R. D. Hiawt writes from Cambridge, O., enclosing a clipping from the Daily Sun of that city, which contains a report of the anniversary celebration, given under the auspices of the Cambridge Camp. M. H. Diems presided. Judge Grigg made a brief address touching on the social features of the order. He was followed by Hon. E. B. Thomas, member of the Board of Auditors, who delivered the address of the evening. After the speaking a smoker was held and an hour spent in social enjoyment. Cambridge camp now has 200 members and Deputy Hiawt expects to add 150 more to the number during the winter.

Neighbor F. S. Langdon, clerk of Camp 784, *Merrillon, Wis., in sending a clipping* containing an account of the anniversary celebration of their camp, adds that their camp has been in somewhat of a rut for a year, but he thinks they will get out of it from now on. The newspaper clipping says: "The anniversary celebration and open installation on Tuesday evening, January 9, was made a most enjoyable occasion and was largely attended. Dr. E. E. Moore was installing officer. After the installation a luncheon was served and this in turn was followed by an unusually enjoyable musical and literary program, with an address by Rev. J. E. Smith."

W. S. Hansing, clerk of Camp 73, of Galena, Ill., writes that they held their banquet in Turner hall on January 6, in honor of the twenty-first aniversary of the society. There were about 500 present, consisting of Woodmen and their families, Royal Neighbors and their families, also the widows of deceased Neighbors and their families. Dancing was indulged in and a general good time had. Dr. M. H. Cleary delivered an address of encouragement and explained to the Neighbors the new table of rates and the reason for the change, and all seemed satisfied. Our camp has 187 members, and, judging from the crowd present at the banquet, there is not much danger of race suicide around these diggings.

Deputy A. E. Case, of Santa Cruz, Cal., sends in a newspaper clipping giving a report of the entertainment, installation and ball given by Oak Camp 10208, of King City, Cal. It was a success in every particular. Deputy Case installed the officers and the clipping says discoursed to them entertainingly and instructively for half an hour upon the benefits accruing from membership in particular. He was listened to with close attention by all, the ladies particularly seeming interested; and that his eloquence bore fruit was proven by the writing of several applications next morning of sturdy young farmers for membership in the camp. The supper and ball which followed the installation ceremonies were much enjoyed.

District Deputy J. J. Regan writes from Antigo, Wis., that on January 5, Antigo Camp celebrated the twenty-first anniversary. The local paper says: "The exercises consisted of installation of the officers of Badger Camp 869, after which a social session was held. A large number of the Woodmen and their families and friends were present. An excellent program was arranged for the occasion, consisting of both vocal and instrumental music, recitations, and an address by Deputy Regan. Camp 869 now has a membership of over 250 and notwithstanding the fierce competition the Woodmen are getting their share of the business." Mr. Regan says he will increase the membership of the camp a hundred before he leaves town.

Hon. James A. Gibson, of St. Joseph, Mo., favors us with a clipping from the St. Joseph Daily News, which contains an excellent report of the celebration of the twenty-first anniversary observed by the local camps in that city. There was a joint meeting of the camps in St. Joseph at Columbia hall, where occurred an interesting program of music, addresses, recitations and a public installation of the Modern Woodmen and Royal Neighbor officers, the session closing with a ball, which was enjoyed by a large number of the two orders and their friends. The opening address was by Neighbor J. A. Gibson, chairman, whose remarks were restricted to a review of the attainments of Woodcraft in Missouri and St. Joseph. The twenty-first anniversary of the order was observed also as the eleventh anniversary of the organization of the first camp in St. Joseph, bringing to the meeting representatives of every Woodman and Royal Neighbor camp in the city in such numbers that Columbian hall was filled far beyond its seating capacity. Mr. L. C. Galbraith, who was the principal speaker of the evening, took occasion to enter into a historical review of the society, whose rapid growth and attainments have been a marvel. The public installation of officers followed the musical and literary program.

A Neighbor sends in a copy of the City Journal of January 7, published at McKeesport, Pa., which contains an excellent report of the celebration of the twenty-first anniversary by the members and friends of Camp 6041. There was an enjoyable program, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, and an installation of the officers by State Deputy M. H. Wykoff. Dr. S. V. Hoopman, the state lecturer, delivered an address which was received with applause. Geo. D. Jacobs, supervising deputy of Pittsburg, and W. H. Keans, consul of the Homestead camp, also spoke. After the entertainment and installation an excellent luncheon was served. Delegates were present from Braddock, Homestead, Pittsburg, Allegheny, Wilmerding, Turtle Creek, Wilkinsburg, Elizabeth, New Castle and Swissvale.

The twenty-first anniversary was celebrated on a large scale at the home of Head Consul Talbot in Lincoln, Neb. The Nebraska State Journal, which devotes nearly two columns to a report of the event, says it was undoubtedly the greatest fraternal society celebration ever held in Lincoln. Although Fraternity hall is the largest of its kind in the state, and has ample seating capacity for usual gatherings of this kind, hundreds of people were unable to gain admission in the main hall and had to be contended with places in the anteroom, or turn away disappointed. Head Consul A. R. Talbot had charge of the meeting. All of the Lincoln camps joined together in the celebration. A literary and musical program was arranged by the Red-Letter People, in which several hundred of the younger Woodmen and their lady friends participated. The hall decorations were simple, but very tasty. Head Consul Talbot delivered the introductory address, dwelling briefly upon the statistics of the Modern Woodmen and showing how the society had gained from a small order to one of the largest in the world. The principal address was delivered by Senator C. G. Saunders, of Council Bluffs, member of the Board of Directors. The Journal says his address was full of wit and pointed illustrations, and was a forceful review of the good that has been accomplished by the 700,000 men who march under the white banners of Woodcraft. Mrs. E. D. Watt, of Omaha, Supreme Oracle of the Royal Neighbors of America, also delivered an address.

Director G. W. Reilly put in a busy anniversary week, attending entertainments and celebrations. In all of the cities visited by him large audiences were present and he reports the greatest enthusiasm manifest on all hands, and the members report that their camps will not suffer from suspensions on account of the slight change in rates. All of the camps he visited have their charters opened. His first date was at Quincy, Ill., on January 5. This was a joint installation of the officers of the Woodmen and Royal Neighbors camps of Quincy. The installation took place in the afternoon and the evening was devoted to speaking, a banquet and a dance. A crowd of nearly two hundred were present. The speakers were Director Reilly, T. W. Plantz, of Warsaw, member of the Law Committee; Supervising Deputy S. G. Sparks, H. W. I. Cline, of Barry, and State Deputy W. H. Dwyer. He also attended an enthusiastic meeting at Monmouth, report of which will be found elsewhere. On January 7 he was at Centralia, Ill. Here the meeting was in the form of a public installation, banquet and dance. The speakers were National Lecturer C. E. Whelan, Director G. W. Reilly, Judge Wright, H. C. E. Bundy. January 8 he was at Duquoin, Ill. The meeting was held in the Methodist church and was very largely attended. Here the exercises were varied somewhat and in addition to the addresses by Director Reilly and Hon. F. E. Spielman, the Almann trio gave a concert which was greatly appreciated. On January 9, at Vienna, Ill., he was also greeted by a large audience and great enthusiasm was manifest. The Almann Sisters also gave their entertainment at this point, and addresses were delivered by National Lecturer Whelan, Director Reilly, Attorney Frank Sheridan and Judge Smith.

Found in the Papers.

The Pittsburg Dispatch of Sunday, December 27, contained halftone photographs of Head Consul Talbot, State Deputy M. H. Wyckoff, Supervising Deputy Geo. T. Jacobs, Pittsburg, and T. J. Hermann, banker of Camp 11,468.

The Record, published at Leesburg, Va., in its issue of December 25 says that the Modern Woodmen have entered Loudon with tremedous success. District Deputy Dr. A. H. Tramer, after organizing the camps at Alexandria and Cross, has started a camp at Leesburg with some of the most prominent business men as members. He will also institute camps at Purcellville and Lovettsville. He is also working with great success for the camp at Waterford and Hamilton.

More About Woodman Hospital.

Oklahoma City.—The article in January Woodman by Neighbor Lockwood, M. D., concerning a Woodman hospital is a good suggestion, and should not be passed as a matter of minor importance; but should command the careful and immediate consideration and cooperation of all true Woodmen. What are we here for, except to make for ourselves a clear conscience and a happy soul, by doing good to our Neighbors and their families? How cheering, how encouraging, and how home-like, would a hospital and sanitarium appear to a weary and afflicted Neighbor, when decorated with the emblems of the order and the portraits of our Head Officers, and lighted by the faces of true Royal Neighbors who have trained to nurse the sick, and never tire of their duty!

How to Organize.—If allowed to make a suggestion, I will say: Organize at once under the title, The Woodmen Hospital Association of America, with an advisory board, an executive board, and an industrial board, selected from the right source. The duty of each, being that implied by its respective title. Each state having its individual organization and hospital, the hospital being located in the most convenient city or town in the state.

The Financial Problem.—Most any city or town will donate sufficient ground, and each Neighbor can contribute a few dollars, or buy a few shares of stock, as a starter; and by admitting all patients who pay, the institution can be placed on a thriving basis from the beginning; and with a live industrial board, and good executive ability, sufficient means can soon be raised to afford a Woodmen hospital in each state in our jurisdiction, second to none.

J. L. SHORT, Medical Examiner 899.

Originator of Iowa Plan.

In the August issue of the Modern Woodman we published a cut of Neighbor Wm. S. Hart, of Waukon, Ia., who introduced and championed the "Iowa Idea" and secured its adoption by the Indianapolis Head Camp. We are now in receipt of the following letter giving more particulars as to who originated the Iowa Idea, so ably championed by Neighbor Hart. The following letter is self-explanatory:

Iowa City, Ia., Jan. 8.—Editor F. O. VanGalder—Esteemed Neighbor: I enclose herewith photograph of Hon. F. K. Stebbins, Consul of Camp 189. To Neighbor Stebbins is due the honor of originating the plan of assessment rates, as adopted at the last Head Camp and in use at the present time. As originally presented to the caucus this plan provided for twelve assessments yearly and for the creation of a reserve, or emergency fund, which feature was voted down and the plan of rating accepted and offered to the Head Camp by Neighbor Hart, as the Iowa Idea. O. K. Camp 189 takes much pride in the record of Venerable Consul Stebbins for his services in behalf of Woodcraft, as well as in his integrity and ability. In Woodmen affairs he was

NEIGHBOR F. K. STEBBINS.

a charter member of Camp 189 which was organized in April, 1886. He has received eighteen consecutive elections as consul, having served seventeen full terms and now enters upon his eighteenth term. He was a delegate to the Kansas City, St. Paul, and Indianapolis Head Camps; is ex-president of the Southeastern Iowa Woodmen Picnic Association. He was elected State Consul for Iowa at Des Moines in May, 1903. He is author of the present plan known as the "Iowa Idea." This plan was written four or five months prior to the meeting of the Indianapolis Head Camp and was presented to O. K. Camp by Neighbor Stebbins and endorsed by the camp. At Indianapolis the plan was presented by him to the caucus of the Iowa delegation and after two amendments was endorsed in state caucus. He was a member from Iowa of the special committee of twenty-five appointed on readjustment by the Indianapolis Head Camp and presented the plan to the special committee. The plan was adopted by the Head Camp as endorsed by the Iowa delegation. Neighbor Stebbins has been four times elected mayor of Iowa City and assisted in organizing the League of Iowa municipalities. He has held many offices in the league being president in the year 1901. Fraternally yours,

CHAS. SHRADER.

Our Treasure Box Secure.

Beloit, Wis., Jan. 11.—F. O. VanGalder, Editor Modern Woodman: Old-time enthusiasm is prevailing again in the ranks of the woodchoppers of Wisconsin. Pessimists are joining the ranks of the optimists. Rate agitation is being quietly buried in an obscure grave. General celebration over the advent of reaching our majority brings to light renewed faith in Woodcraft. The experimental period of transferring to the Iowa Idea is being passed with a serenity which challenges the admiration of outsiders. Old-liners remark, "Well, by George, it's a wonderful organization anyhow." Newspapers talk about it. Editors discover the secret to be a fraternalism founded upon the rock by an organization which has the ability for successful self-government—a government of Woodmen, by Woodmen and for Woodmen. The tide is turned toward the goal of the million mark.

A. N. BORT, Head Banker.

A Word to Delegates.

Head Consul Talbot has addressed a letter to each delegate to the Indianapolis Head Camp, congratulating him upon the results attained for our society in the readjustment of rates, made by them. The great membership are almost unanimous in expressions of satisfaction with the new rates and our Head Consul predicts still better results for the future than have been ever before attained. We make the following excerpt from his letter:

Recalling the delightful experiences of the Indianapolis Head Camp, and knowing your intense interest in the progress and success of our society. I feel it not presumptuous on my part to address you as a delegate to that splendid Head Camp. It is with great pleasure and satisfaction that I assure you of the stimulating effect of the proceedings of that great body upon the membership of the Modern Woodmen of America. Upon the adjournment of the Head Camp I at once threw all the ability that I possessed to the work of harmonizing the jurisdiction and awakening enthusiasm and interest in the society, which should tell mightily for its upbuilding. The Neighbors throughout the jurisdiction, with that loyalty and breadth of mind characteristic of the Woodmen, cheerfully accepted the new conditions and unanimously acquiesced with a determined endeavor to make this society still stronger, and place it on still higher grounds than we have hitherto known. The friction and annoyance of adjusting new conditions and securing complete adaptation to the methods and plan of our society, incident to the election of new officers and new legislation, have passed away. With the beginning of the New Year the Modern Woodmen of America is full of promise and opportunity, and with her wide avenues to success beckons the united hosts of Woodmen onward to still greater effort and achievement.

Today, all over the jurisdiction of our society are being held mass-meetings and enthusiastic gatherings in celebration of the twenty-first anniversary of this great fraternity. Her men have been strong and wise; her councils through her Head Camps have been fraternal, courageous and full of intelligence; her peace and benefits have come to the humble people of this country as a rich legacy and a pure benediction; her character and honor are untarnished and unsullied; her influence on American civilization and society is a recognized power; in her future rests the faith and hope of her members.

I congratulate you, as a delegate to the Indianapolis Head Camp, upon the great achievements of our society in these twenty-one years and that you have been permitted to participate in the great work of making our society what it is today. For your untiring efforts in the upbuilding of the Modern Woodmen and your active co-operation in its development and progress, I tender you the gratitude of the Modern Woodmen of America, and the thanks of its officers.

Permit me in closing to extend to you the hand of greeting and good will and wish for this society and you a full rounded and happy New Year.

A Noble Act.

Council Grove, Kan. — F. O. VanGalder, Editor Modern Woodmen — Esteemed Neighbor: This camp has no anniversary celebration to report. At the last meeting in December, 1903, the acting vice-consul, by direction of the camp, appointed Neighbors D. H. Brown, O. H. Prater, J. W. Allen, J. J. Gellespie and F. A. Wood as a committee to arrange for celebrating the twenty-first anniversary of the organization of the order. The evening before the committee met one of the members of the camp, Neighbor H. L. Williams, met with a terrible misfortune. His wife endeavored to kindle a fire in the kitchen stove with kerosene oil. There must have been some fire in the stove, because the can exploded and Mrs. Williams was enveloped with flames. Help soon came and she was taken from the building and the flames extinguished, but she received such injury as caused her death in a few hours. She left Neighbor Williams with three children, the eldest five years of age. The bereaved Neighbor is a rural free delivery mail carrier, and, as you are aware, his compensation only provides a bare living for his family. The committee, after full consideration of the matter, concluded that it was more fraternal to omit the celebration and donate what it would cost to assist our stricken Neighbor in this time of trouble, and so reported to the camp at its first meeting last evening. The camp unanimously adopted the report and then, by a unanimous vote upon the motion of the chairman of the committee, directed the consul and clerk to draw an order on the general fund of the camp, payable to the order of Neighbor Williams, for the sum of $50. This camp has not lost a member by the increase in rates. The clerk prepared a circular letter explaining the change and showing each member just how he was affected by the change. It had a good effect, because several of the members have assured me that their intention had been to drop out before they received the circular letter and read the explanations contained therein, but now were going to stay with the order. The copy of Northcott's Statistics of Fraternal Beneficiary Societies that I received as a delegate to the Head Camp, has also been of great assistance, because with that I could show them that our new rates were better for them than they could get in any other reliable established society. We have opened our charter for a deputy head consul, but so far he has not accomplished anything. That provision of the law forbidding local camps from paying its members for securing applications works badly with us. Until that time we had a goodly increase of members and we paid them $2.50 for each accepted application. We did not use the deputy system at all. Since we have been prohibited from doing this we have barely held our own, though we have had a deputy employed for several months. Very fraternally yours,

D. H. BROWN.

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A CONGRATULATORY WORD.

Head Consul Talbot Commends the Action of Loyal Members.

As I pause for a moment at the beginning of a new era in the history of Woodcraft, I cannot help commenting upon the loyalty and devotion of our 700,000 members to the principles of this society. This month our great membership have demonstrated to the world that a magnificient co-operative society like the Modern Woodmen of America, with its hundreds of thousands of members located from the Atlantic to the Pacific, can keep step with the progress of the times without a single break in the lines. When the laws of our Nation or our states become inadequate to meet the demands of modern advancement, the necessary changes are promptly made to meet the onward march of the times. When the Modern Woodmen of America learned that some slight changes were advisable to avoid possible breakers in the future, these changes were promptly carried into effect. Recognizing the nature of our organization, which is a mutual society banded together for the purpose, among other things, of furnishing protection at actual cost to our Neighbors and their families, the action of the last Head Camp has been ratified with remarkable unanimity by our membership. Everywhere our members have expressed themselves as thoroughly satisfied with the new table of rates, which went into effect January first on all old members. Consequently our January report of suspensions will scarcely exceed the normal, and when the glad tidings, "no assessment for February," is heralded throughout the jurisdiction, those who have through a misunderstanding of the new rates allowed themselves to become temporarily suspended, will be crowding over each other to see the clerk, pay up and once more rest assured of the sure protection afforded by this society for their loved ones. The skipping of the February assessment will assure every member, who thus far has failed to comprehend the nature of our new table of rates, that the Modern Woodmen is still operating upon the same general plan as before; that we are furnishing protection to our Neighbors at actual cost; that we have simply redistributed the cost of insurance among the members upon a more equitable scale than was done by the old table of rates, and that while the younger members of the society will secure their protection this year at a little less cost than last year, the additional cost to the older members will be so slight that they will scarcely feel the change at the end of the year. One year's operation on the new plan will be sufficient to prove to every one that the Modern Woodmen of America still leads in furnishing to its members the safest and best insurance for the smallest amount of money of any recognized and well-tested fraternal beneficiary society in America. One assessment paid in January will furnish sixty days' protection in the greatest society of the age; and as the members will have all of March in which to pay the next assessment, should one be levied that month, I might say that one assessment will keep every Neighbor in good standing for ninety days. Can any Neighbor afford to lapse when such a proposition is within his grasp? They can't and they won't as our January pass reports will show.

In closing I only desire to add, as a suggestion, that every local camp might well appoint a standing "committee on reinstatements" to serve during 1904. Such a committee would no doubt be a great help to the clerk in explaining to every Neighbor who does not understand the new rates the exact scope of the change. When the new laws are thoroughly explained every member is satisfied and ready to approve the modifications. Once more let me congratulate our membership everywhere upon the bright prospects for growth this year. I can only advise the Neighbors to "strike while the iron is hot," and we will have "A Million Men for Milwaukee." Fraternally yours,

A. R. TALBOT, Head Consul.

FOR YOUNG AND OLD

Dog and Squirrel Story.

One is never too old to enjoy a good dog story. Some people, whose liver is out of order, imagine they do not like dogs, but even these like to read stories which tell of intelligent acts of some noble dog. A special from New York to the Chicago Tribune of December 29 gives the following interesting incident of the late blizzard which swept the eastern seaboard:

Huddled together under a blanket of snow were found early this morning near the mounted police station in Central park a crippled squirrel and Shep, a collie. Through the long hours of the night the little cripple had been protected from the cold by the shaggy coat of Shep, who nestled so close to his charge that the latter was kept warm. When the two animals were found the dog was blinking at the falling snowflakes, but the eyes of the squirrel were closed in sleep. The squirrel was carried into the police station, and the dog followed, growling approval. The smaller animal was suffering from an injured leg, which had prevented it from reaching shelter. A bandage was placed about the squirrel's leg and it was made as comfortable as possible.

They Caught the Ghost.

Nothing is more interesting to the average youngster, and at the same time more productive of "creeps," than some of the ghost stories his grandpa tells. There were sure enough ghosts in the good old days when grandpa was a boy. He never saw one, but he knew some one who was acquainted with a man who knew a person who had been frightened by ghostly sounds. For years a ghost had haunted the Oceanic hotel and proven a real hair raiser for the good people of West Brighton. This was no old, back-number ghost of the dim long ago, but a genuine, up-to-date ghost, and now this ghost has been captured. We find the full particulars in the following from the New York Sun:

During the last season several guests deserted the old hotel summarily, declaring that they had heard supernatural sounds. Since the close of the season the huge building has been inhabited only by John Delaney, a milk dealer, and the family of one of his employes. The other day the milkman heard footfalls and groaning from the upper floor of the deserted building. Cautiously creeping up-stairs, he captured the ghost in the act of groaning.

The groans were produced by nothing more supernatural than the limb of a huge willow tree in juxtaposition with a window blind, the rusty hinges of which gave out doleful sounds with every gust of wind. The tapping of the loose shutter produced a very good imitation of a footstep. Mr. Delaney reported the capture at police headquarters.

This is the ghost for which two detectives detailed by Chief of Police John Y. McKane and three newspaper men watched in the old building all one night. Several of the party reported having heard the noises, but said they were unable to find anything. The Oceanic has been believed to be haunted by many of the islanders for years. Years ago a landlord quit the place because of the wails and footsteps which his family declared they heard in room 30, which was directly over the parlor. This room contained the family valuables, and was always kept securely locked. Several times a search was made to see who made the noise, but the room was always found to be unoccupied.

It was rumored that a murder had been committed in this room, but that report was due to the fact that a man was killed twelve years ago in the little house at the rear of the hotel. The murderer was never found.

Young Men in Congress.

That the time is passing when old men are for council and young men only for war is seen by the steady manner in which the young men of today are coming to the front. In December Pearson's, in an interesting article on congressmen, Mr. North Overton Messenger says of young men:

The fifty-eighth congress will be remarkable for its membership of young men who are notable not only in point of numbers, but conspicuous for ability. Some sixty members of the new congress have emerged from kilts since the last bullet sped at Appomattox. In official and congressional life, a man at forty years of age is considered young, and the graybeards look upon the fellows of thirty-five as mere striplings; but here comes on a crop of embryo statesmen whose ages range from twenty-eight to thirty-two. Who can say that a man who possesses ability enough to push him through the stirring competition of these times into a seat in congress before he is thirty years old may not, within the next decade, take his place among the most brilliant statesmen of the land? With a president in the White House who, as the head of the government, took the executive chair at forty-three years of age, there is a following of young men in important positions throughout the various branches—legislative, executive, and judicial—which emphatically marks this as the age of the young man. Behind this army of aggressive, ambitious, energetic, and competent men is a solid backing of experienced legislators, jurists, and executive officers who will furnish the fly-wheel, the governor to the engine, so to speak.

The threescore men who comprise the younger contingent of this congress may be divided into three classes; first, those who entered the law after passing through college and, working their way into politics, quickly took place in the front; second, those who, beneficiaries of bossism in politics, were simply lifted into place; third, the distinctively self-made men, whose careers have been marvels of good fortune following earnest effort. Experience has shown in the past that the men of the first class settle down into the ranks of the solid, hard-working congressmen, who do a great deal of work in a conscientious way, perhaps without attracting attention for some time. Those in the second class, as a rule, content themselves with voting yea or nay as their leader directs, and are sometimes permitted to make a motion to adjourn. The men of the third class are likely either to make a brilliant record or, having come up like the proverbial rocket, to fall like the stick.

Delicious Lemonade.

"Ice cold lemonade; made in the shade; stirred with a spade," shouted a boy at the lemonade booth at a Woodmen picnic. Every one, almost, associates lemonade and "ice-cold" as two necessary things of course. In an exchange we find a recipe for lemonade which is said to be the best ever. Try it and you will never use any other:

"I learned a new thing," said a woman the other day, "while visiting an English friend of mine. She served the most delicious lemonade I ever drank. She told me that it was made with freshly boiled water, which was the secret of its excellence. For a quart of lemonade she took the juice of three lemons and the thinly cut rind of one. This she put with two ounces of powdered sugar into a covered jar. When the water was heated just to the tea point she poured it over the lemon and sugar, covered it at once and set it away to cool."

What Is "Woman's World?"

And after all is said and done the woman herself makes her own world. It may be in the home or on the lecture platform. Frances Willard did a noble work for the home and for little children, yet she devoted her life to public work. It is not best to judge all mankind by one man. So one woman may believe the broader, better life is one apart from that of rearing children; another may find greatest inspiration in her home. A writer in the Ladies' Home Journal says:

A woman in Massachusetts last winter said before a hallful of women that in proportion as a wife gave herself up to her children in just the same ratio did she narrow her life and shut out from her mind "the broader problems which affect woman's higher destiny." That same evening one of the most noted college presidents in America made an address in an auditorium filled with young men, in which he declared that the highest and deepest lessons in life he had ever learned had been taught to him by the children of his home. "They have been my educators," he said.

At a club meeting of women in New York last November "a wonderfully inspiring article," according to the entry in the official records of the club, was read "by one of our most cultivated members" on the great value to women of their growing liberation from large families. At the same time, under the official authority of the United States Government, it was asserted, as a deduction from reliable investigations and statistics, that where the families of America were smallest in the number of children it was found that woman's life was emptiest, the grade of both intelligence and domestic happiness lowest, and the health of women poorest. A recent number of a paper "edited for women by women," with an eye single to "the broadest womanhood," devoted three of its large blanket pages to a discussion pointing out that a married woman lost but another grain of her individuality if, upon marriage, she dropped her own first name and assumed that of her husband. But in a "man-made" paper, edited by "Man," and "for Men," published in the same city, and issued almost simultaneously, was a discussion, also of three pages. But it presented the views of eighteen eminent educators on the subject, "Wherein were the modern methods of education of our children at fault, and how can they be best remedied?"

No comment on these coincident happenings and statements is necessary: it is enough to present them in a comparative sense. It is a curious state of affairs.

Field's Fun.

Eugene Field had a wonderful personality. He could do things not always "proper" and say things not always kind, but his friends and admirers could never resent it. Back of all was that rich vein of humor—that fun-loving force which was contagious. He never was at all careful in selecting the victim. One of the stories many times told of him was a little joke played at the expense of Mrs. Field, his handsome and much loved wife, of whom he was very proud:

Mr. Field and his wife had entered a street-car, to find all the seats taken save one at each end of the car, and they seated themselves accordingly. When the conductor collected the fares Mr. Field announced, in audible tones, as he gave him a dime, at the same time pointing to the far end of the car: "This is to pay the fare of the lady over there—the one wearing the new, beautiful brown silk dress."

All eyes were turned to her, and her pretty face took a most becoming rose color, but back of the reproving glance she threw him was one of mingled indulgence, appreciation and mirth at the unexpected and apparently truthful announcement.

Overlooked Pleasures.

Haven't you met the "home shunners?" They are the persons who imagine they must look for all their "pleasures" away from home. Usually they are boys and young men, but sometimes they are found in the ranks of the married men. In after years, when forced to leave home, for school or employment, or when death has removed father or mother from the home, there are many times regrets because of the real pleasures of home which have been carelessly neglected. The New York Times tells of a boy who had formed the habit of staying down town and spending his evenings at places of amusement.

One afternoon his father called him up by telephone and asked if he had an engagement for that evening. The young man said he had none.

"Well, I'd like to have you go somewhere with me."

The young man himself tells what happened: "'All right,' I said. 'Where shall I meet you?'

"He suggested the Columbia hotel at half past seven; and I was there, prepared for the theatre and a lecture on late hours. He had combined the two on several previous occasions. But when he appeared he said he wanted me to call with him on a lady. 'One I knew quite well when I was a young man,' he explained.

"We went out and started straight for home.

"'She is staying at our house,' he said.

"I thought it strange that he should have made the appointment for the Columbia under those circumstances, but I said nothing.

"Well, we went in, and I was introduced with all due formality to my mother and my sister.

"The situation struck me as funny, and I started to laugh, but the laugh died away. None of the three even smiled. My mother and my sister shook hands with me, and my mother said she remembered me as a boy, but hadn't seen much of me lately. Then she offered me a chair.

"It wasn't funny then, though I can laugh over it now. I sat down and she told me some anecdotes of my boyhood, at which we all laughed a little. Then we four played games for a while. When I finally retired I was invited to call again some evening. I went upstairs feeling pretty small and doing a good deal of thinking."

"And then?" asked his companion.

"Then I made up my mind that my mother was an entertaining woman and my sister a bright girl, and that I owed my own home folks a share of my time. It was a good lesson."

Taking One Literally.

In what predicaments people would often find themselves placed if what they said were taken literally. "I would give five dollars for the privilege of giving that preacher a piece of my mind," said an auditor who had been displeased with the "third-party politics" just heard from the pulpit. "You can have that privilege for four dollars and ninety-nine cents," smiled the preacher who had approached from the rear in time to hear the ill-considered remark. Of course, this "bargain counter" offer was not accepted, for the gentleman really had no desire to do as he had said. An amusing incident occurred when Spurgeon was speaking at the ordination of the Rev. Archibald, because he was taken literally. Classmate relates the incident.

The building was filled to its utmost capacity, and before Mr. Spurgeon's address had been half delivered the atmosphere of the place demanded attention. The building, however, being an old-fashioned one, the windows were not made to open, and an ordinary preacher would have had perforce to put up with this inconvenience. Not so Mr. Spurgeon.

"If these windows will not open," he said, "will some gentleman break a few with his umbrella?"

The command was literally obeyed—much more literally, indeed, than the speaker intended, and a crashing of breaking glass showed that the room would require no further ventilation for that afternoon at least, for not a single whole window remained in the building.

Mr. Spurgeon was, however, far too kind-hearted to allow the young pastor and his church to bear the expense he had occasioned. A check at the close of the service provided new windows, which, needless to say, opened and shut with great facility.

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Colorado.

Denver, Colo.—Colorado's membership show by their willingness to assist the field men that they appreciate that not a parallel for the unprecedented success, enthusiasm, ability to meet all conditions, meet the actual needs of the American citizens for protection, solidity for present and future, is yet to be found for the Modern Woodmen of America. That its 700,000 members, with two million dollars surplus in its funds, its economic management, with loyal membership upholding the hands of Head Consul Talbot in his great work, makes it a certainty that the sun of the fraternal world, lit by the hands of Northcott, shall grow brighter and brighter day by day as long as man needs protection for home.
F. B. EASTERLY, State Deputy.

Ohio.

Newark.—F. O. VanGalder, Editor Modern Woodman—Esteemed Neighbor: I consider the state of Ohio in good condition for new work as well as for the retention of our present membership. I have a good corps of deputies whose services are appreciated by the camps of the state. Our members seem satisfied with the new rate and I do not anticipate any material number of suspensions on account of the change. Ohio is abundantly supplied with good progressive towns and what we need is more good deputies. I am proud of the deputies now in this state and do not ask for better deputies but more of the kind I now have. Yours fraternally,
N. C. SHERBURNE, State Deputy.

CLEVELAND.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 5.—As there was no goodfellowship camp here and we were further embarrassed in not being able to secure a complete list of the resident members belonging to outside camps, it was difficult to get started. October 14 Cleveland Camp 11356 was organized with fifty-two adoptions. This camp now has one hundred and thirty-five beneficiary members. It is gratifying to note that although three assessments have been collected there has been but one suspension. On the 12th of December Deputy Faulkner organized Forest City Camp 11456 with a charter membership of twenty-two. Although the winter season has not seemed to be best for the work in this city the deputies are having very good success and the future looks bright.
MARVIN B. PUTNEY,
Supervising Deputy.

North Dakota.

Lisbon, Jan. 8.—F. O. VanGalder, Editor Modern Woodman—Esteemed Neighbor: North Dakota has a membership of over 12,000 and 275 camps. In every one of these camps where it was possible to secure a hall, the camp-fires were lighted on January 5 in celebration of the twenty-first anniversary of our splendid society, which has forty per cent. more members than any other fraternal beneficiary society, and which with but few exceptions is the oldest society of the kind in the United States. In North Dakota it has been a long uphill fight getting the state into any kind of shape. I am just beginning to get where we can see daylight ahead. The members are enthused and are all buckling down to work to make a record such as North Dakota has never seen before. Congratulating the members upon their loyalty and upon the splendid record made, I remain, yours fraternally,
H. S. OLIVER, State Deputy.

West New York.

Rochester, N. Y.—West New York is now under the supervision of a strong force of district deputies and one can hear the guns from all sections booming "One Million Men for Milwaukee." Rochester, Syracuse, Binghamton, Buffalo, Jamestown, Elmira and Hornellsville with "Buck," "The Kirks," Todd and "Eddie" Dewey and Gordon making seven as good as "an eleven," we think we have a strong team. We are getting back to the old way of writing 'em—and aye tank ef de boys do so vel as day promis me aye skall be one of de happy Svedes ven aye see you in yooly.
O. H. WESTBURG, State Deputy.

Wisconsin.

La Crosse.—Woodcraft in Wisconsin is above par, and we are beginning to gain on those fraternal misfits who have "knocked" themselves completely out; and, while it is hard and slow work, I think that in the end our showing will be up to the average. No flies on Wisconsin. Two hundred camps will celebrate tonight, and over one-half during the month.
B. F. KEELER, State Deputy.

MILWAUKEE.

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 1.—F. O. VanGalder—Esteemed Neighbor: While the Modern Woodmen of America have just passed through a trying ordeal (the holiday season) and most of the factories have laid off hundreds of men, still they have not become discouraged nor lacking in enthusiasm. We now have five camps in the city, one of which entertains most every week. Smokers, with good speakers, are being held in commodious halls; also, old-time basket sociables, dances and cinch parties. Minstrel shows are to be put on. Degree teams are fast getting into shape for public drills and the initiatory work, and when the Head Camps meet in Milwaukee in 1905, we will greet you with a membership that the Neighbors will be proud of throughout the entire jurisdiction.
T. W. NEWMAN,
Supervising Deputy.

Pennsylvania.

Ninety-six per cent of all applications written in Pennsylvania from August 1 to January 1 were secured by deputies. The "Million Men for Milwaukee" resolutions sent to all Pennsylvania camps resulted in one hundred and fifty-six assistant deputy appointments since August 1. Tyrone Camp is bound to displace some of the ten largest camps, having secured over one hundred applications within the last sixty days. Steelton Camp has opened headquarters for their assistant deputies and proposes to present Head Consul Talbot with two hundred applications when he makes his first Pennsylvania visit, February 26. Over twenty-five camps in Pennsylvania will hold public installations, the state deputy having engagements with ten of them.
M. H. WYCKOFF, State Deputy.

PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Mr. F. O. VanGalder, Editor Modern Woodman—Esteemed Neighbor: Philadelphia is awakening to the progressive march of the Modern Woodmen, and the members residing here are very enthusiastic over the establishing of camps in this city. District Deputy R. E. Broome organized the first camp in Philadelphia on January 12 at Lohrman's hall, Woodstock street and Columbia avenue. The field work is in charge of competent district deputies, R. E. Broome, Frederick A. Lambert, Rodney Dolby, Chas. H. Lyke, Harry W. Brown, John L. Voigt, George N. Waltz, and they have pledged themselves to make the city of Philadelphia a leader in the jurisdiction. Fraternally,
JOHN F. COLLINS,
City Supervising Deputy.

PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, Jan. 4.—Mr. F. O. VanGalder, Editor Modern Woodman: On December 22 Liberty Camp 11468 was instituted in this city. The meeting was a very enthusiastic one and all present felt that the future of Woodcraft in Pittsburg is secure. We now have three camps in the city and expect to institute another before the February issue of the Modern Woodman goes to press. The twenty-first anniversary of our society is being generally observed throughout this county and more interest is being manifested in the welfare of the organization than ever before. The indications are that Pittsburg will become a Modern Woodmen stronghold within the next few years and will certainly furnish her share of the "Million Men for Milwaukee." Yours fraternally,
GEO. T. JACOBS,
City Supervising Deputy.

Oklahoma.

Guthrie.—Oklahoma has heard the signal given by Head Consul Talbot, "A Million Men for Milwaukee." We are in line and have caught the step, and will be there with our share. The field forces were never so well organized as they are now. The deputies and old camps are working together harmoniously. Nearly all the camps have open charters or are ready to open them as soon as we can supply them with a deputy. You can say to the jurisdiction that Oklahoma will come up to Milwaukee with the goods. Yours fraternally,
J. S. SHEARER, State Deputy.

Maryland and District of Columbia.

The districts in the above territory are well organized and under the supervision of competent district deputies, and with the assistant deputies, and the co-operation of the members we will be heard from in the future. The cities of Baltimore and Washington are looking forward to the time when they will stand in first and second place among the large cities admitted.

We would like to have every member living in the state of Maryland or the District of Columbia take his card and join the camps here. By doing this you will increase the membership here in the east. Fraternally yours,
G. H. RUSSELL, State Deputy.

Virginia.

Richmond, Va.—The "boom" of Woodcraft is on in the "Old Dominion," and the state that gave our country George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, Madison and Monroe will furnish her full quota of the "Million Men for Milwaukee." License was not issued until September 8, 1903. Since then the ten district and thirty assistant deputies have instituted twenty camps with over four hundred charter members. Thirty other camps are nearly completed and at least ten of these will be chartered in January, with two hundred charter members. Virginia is a great "old-line" insurance state, and much "missionary" work is necessary, but the "deputy head consuls" of the M. W. A. are equal to the emergency and will give a good account of themselves during 1904. Yours fraternally,
M. C. DOUBLES, State Deputy.

East New York.

Albany.—Eastern New York sends greeting to "The Modern Woodman" in its new form. We make no boasts as to the future, but promise faithful, energetic effort to increase membership in this locality during 1904. We have done the best we could in the past and stand at the threshold of another year with our colors still flying and a desire in all things and at all times to "Start right and play fair." With the aid of our loyal membership Eastern New York deputies will try and make 1904 a banner year for our order in our part of the jurisdiction.
HARRY FRANKLIN, State Deputy.

Indian Territory.

South McAlester, Jan. 2.—Indian Territory is moving up the line, many new camps being organized and old ones are opening their charters for deputy work. We have a progressive membership that will place us among the front ranks when the roll is called at Milwaukee. We not only rejoice in our own membership, which is made up of the brain and brawn of the land; but we feel proud as Woodmen to know that our order is on a more solid basis, and that our certificates are worth one hundred cents on the dollar. All is going well with us and you may look for a healthy growth in our jurisdiction from now on.
W. N. RUMLEY, State Deputy.

Washington.

Seattle, Jan. 1.—F. O. VanGalder, Editor Modern Woodman—Esteemed Neighbor: Woodcraft in the state of Washington is in a prosperous and encouraging condition, and 1904 should be our best year. The readjustment question has been satisfactorily settled, and all who understand the change made are perfectly satisfied. We have 260 live camps in Washington. This is a larger number of local lodges than has any other fraternity in the state. Our camps are enthusiastic and many of them have arranged for elaborate celebrations of our twenty-first anniversary. We will rally in response to our war-cry, "A Million Men for Milwaukee," and supply our quota of growth. With kind regards and best wishes for great prosperity in all branches of our fraternity, I remain,
C. D. ELLIOTT, State Deputy.

Connecticut.

Hartford, Jan. 3.—The Modern Woodman: Connecticut and Rhode Island welcome you in your new attire with much pleasure and fraternal greetings. The cry of Head Consul A. R. Talbot for "One Million Woodmen" has reverberated throughout my states, and is bringing to the front the workers of Woodcraft. Peace and harmony prevail in the camps, and the onward progress of our order will be shown by results that will speak for themselves. The month of January was replete with public meetings and installations and entertainments; and Red-Letter Day has done a great deal to advertise the Modern Woodmen of America. My corps of deputies are working energetically, and are receiving the earnest support from camps and individual members. Approbation of the new rates is expressed from all sides, and very few members will suspend.
MODE M. PIERCE, State Deputy.

Kansas.

Wetmore, Jan. 4.—F. O. VanGalder, Editor Modern Woodman—Esteemed Neighbor: Kansas is glad to report a good healthy increase over each succeeding month, and all of the deputies are kept as busy as bees. Camps are still opening their charters and district deputies find it difficult to supply all the camps at once, but with a little patience all will be supplied. A few more good men can find employment in the deputy work in Kansas. Hundreds of our camps are preparing for big celebrations on our twenty-first anniversary. The camp-fires are ablaze in Kansas and Woodcraft reigns supreme. Hutchinson, Winfield, Wichita, Fort Scott and Pittsburg Camps will be honored by a visit from our Head Consul the last week in January. Great preparations are being made for large meetings. Full particulars next issue. Wishing you a "Happy New Year," I am,
CHAS. S. LOCKNANE, State Deputy.

West Virginia.

Parkersburg.—F. O. VanGalder, Editor Modern Woodman: "An honest tale speeds best being plainly told." West Virginia has seventeen new camps to her credit since August 1, and we are after second place outside of virgin territory for number of new camps August to January. The Head Consul and Supreme Organizer have given us every possible assistance and have demonstrated in many ways to my mind that they are the right men in the right places, and though the Herculean talk of securing "A Million Men for Milwaukee" has been undertaken under their leadership, there is not the scintilla of a doubt in my mind but that we will "deliver the goods" as if "eating cake from the sideboard." J. M. CONNELLY, State Deputy.

South Dakota.

Sioux Falls.—The members are taking to the new plan kindly. All are satisfied that it is the best plan, and that our society is still the cheapest. The camps throughout the state are standing nobly by our administration and we are in earnest when we say we will do our best toward making it "A Million Men for Milwaukee." January 5 was a great day and night for the Woodmen in South Dakota. Men gathered from far and near and renewed their allegiance to the society. Fine programs were rendered and our twenty-first anniversary was one long to be remembered by all. Camps are working and the indications are flattering for a nice increase this winter. Our esteemed Head Consul Talbot, by his letters and the interest he puts into them, is lightening the hearts of the members and they are learning to love him as they have never before. He is becoming a power among men. He leaves nothing half done and we all have to work. Let us all do all we can and stand by the administration, and we soon shall become the mightiest power on earth. Every deputy in South Dakota is busy and we need more. The camps are learning to love the deputy and want him with them. Fraternally yours,
H. I. BROWN, State Deputy.

Missouri.

Clinton, Jan. 5.—The forests of grand old Missouri are all ablaze with the light of 1,100 camp-fires. Nowhere in the jurisdiction are the members of our society more active or enthusiastic than in Missouri, and every indication points to greater activity than we have experienced in many years. Camps are appealing for deputies as never before and the deputies now in the field are reporting splendid results. There will be practically no lapsation on account of the new rate, as the members are almost universally satisfied. Hundreds of our camps are holding public celebrations in honor of our twenty-first anniversary, which will tend to strengthen our society and infuse new life in old members. Missouri will have her part of "A Million Men at Milwaukee."
S. C. A. RUBEY, State Deputy.

Montana.

Butte, Jan. 1.—F. O. VanGalder, Rock Island, Ill.—Esteemed Editor: Montana has not been heard from for a long time, and as we are getting back in the swim again, we will in the future try and let you hear from us Neighbors in the Rockies now and then. I can say that I am more hopeful in the past two months, as in August, September and October, business was at a standstill, but since we have got our new literature, and the members have begun to understand the new rates, it is not near as hard to write new business, for, when the old members have confidence in our plan, it is easier to increase our membership. Good assistant deputies are scarce and hard to get. However, we feel that we will furnish our quota of the "Million Men for Milwaukee."
G. M. ROE, State Deputy.

Michigan.

The beginning of the New Year finds Woodcraft in Michigan on the high road to success. The new rating is satisfactory to nearly all, and the enthusiasm that abounds in the several camps recently visited, and the reports from the deputies throughout the state convinces me more than ever that "The War is Over" and that when the roll is called at Milwaukee in 1905, Michigan will be there with her full quota for the "One Million." It will be well worth your time to watch the record of Michigan for the next year and a half.
E. J. BULLARD, State Deputy.

New Jersey.

Newark, Jan. 7.—Mr. F. O. VanGalder—Esteemed Editor: They say "better late than never," and so in wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year I wish to say for New Jersey and the rest of my jurisdiction that we have been a trifle late in coming to the front, but it has been a constant upward climb which means greater work for Woodcraft in this section, and I earnestly expect that your pen in the near future will record the fact that the east is doing more than her share for the "Million Men at Milwaukee." Fraternally yours,
ALBERT SCHURR, State Deputy.

Kentucky.

Louisville, Jan. 7.—F. O. VanGalder, Editor Modern Woodman—Esteemed Neighbor: Our November and December reports were not at all satisfactory to us, but we propose to do better in the future. District Deputy D. B. Campbell, of Louisville district, had forty adoptions in December and bids fair to double this number in January. He organized Boone Camp in Louisville on December 8 with twenty-two charter members, and adopted a class of fifteen in Camp 11331 in Louisville on the 6th, and has a class of twenty or more to adopt later in the month. Deputy J. A. Payne adopted a class of five in Portland Camp 11402 on the evening of the 5th, and has a class of ten for adoption later. Deputy J. F. Christian, of the Paducah district, will have two new camps this month and we expect at least fifty adoptions from his district during January. District Deputy O. F. Nelson, in charge of the Henderson district, expects to have two new camps and fifty adoptions during January. District Deputy B. F. Pearson, of the Owensboro district, expects to have two camps and forty adoptions. He can use two or three first-class assistant deputies for either city or small town work. Anyone wishing to engage with him should address him at Corydon, Ind. District Deputy J. D. Reinhard, of the Danville district, promises seventy-five adoptions for January. He will have a camp with thirty-five charter members at Somerset; also one at Russell Springs with twenty-five members. District Deputy J. H. Walker has charge of the Lexington district and has bright prospects for January and February. He can use some good assistant deputies and give them the best territory in the state. Address him in care general delivery, Lexington, Ky. District Deputy J. W. Cannon will have one good

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camp and several old camp adoptions for January. He would like one or two hustling assistants for Covington and Newport. Address him at Covington. District Deputy F. H. Preston, Paintsville, will have two camps for January with thirty or more adoptions. District Deputy C. P. Spaulding, of the Ashland district, will have two camps for January with fully forty members. District Deputy W. B. Allison, of Des Moines, Ia., is now with us and we predict that he will duplicate his Iowa record. Therefore we will expect at least 275 adoptions for the month of January. Just keep your mind on our war cry, "One Million Men for Milwaukee," and your eye on the Blue-Grass state.

H. G. GAMBILL, State Deputy.

Indiana.

Indianapolis.—Editor Woodman: Many of our camps are doing excellent work and much praise is due to the loyal Neighbors who cheerfully give their time and service. The success of a camp usually depends on the efforts of a faithful few who do not wait for others to do something, but take the lead themselves and refuse to listen to the croakers who continually predict failure. We will continue to have a good and substantial growth in this state, because the old-time enthusiastic leaders are again coming to the front, and the general confidence in our society is greater than ever before. Fraternally,

JOHN D. VOLTZ, State Deputy.

Chicago, Ill.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—F. O. VanGalder, Rock Island, Ill.—Esteemed Neighbor: The horrors of the awful Iroquois fire are still in evidence everywhere. Up to this time we know of only two Woodmen who lost their lives; one from Battle Creek, Mich., and one a member of Chicago Camp 3052. North Chicago is still doing a little business. We will have four new camps for January, which will make a total of nine camps north of Twelfth street. We confidently expect this city to take on a good, steady growth. We are not looking for a great boom, but a good membership will soon be had in this city. We want some more good workers; must be men that can do city work.

JNO. F. HARRIS, Supervising Deputy.

Idaho, Utah and Nevada.

Moscow, Idaho, Jan. 2.—The field work is taking on new life in Idaho, Utah and Nevada, the new rate seems to be satisfactory, we will have but few suspensions on account of the change, and the year promises to be a good one for the Modern Woodmen of America. Many camps that have made no growth for a year are reporting new applications and adoptions. Anniversary meetings and public installations are being held in many camps and a splendid sentiment created for a good winter's work. The crying need in this section is for good, active, hustling deputies who will give their time to the work. Fraternally,

T. W. BARTLEY, State Deputy.

Iowa.

Des Moines.—In all good things Iowa takes a hand, as is evidenced by stacks of letters received daily from camps all over the state saying, "Readjustment is settled satisfactorily. We are pleased with the new rate and want to assist our Head Consul in his campaign for new members. Send us a deputy to help build up our camp." With the number of excellent deputies now enlisted we certainly are safe in pledging our Head Consul one hundred thousand members in good standing in Iowa by the time the Head Camp convenes at Milwaukee. Neighbors, put your shoulder to the wheel and help us to make good our pledge.

GEO. N. FRINK, State Deputy.

Oregon.

Portland, Jan. 5.—F. O. VanGalder Esq., Editor Modern Woodman: Oregon is still on the map. It is true we have not been heard from for some time as we have been too busy sawing wood. On account of having to reorganize our field forces entirely since Head Camp, our reports during the summer and fall were not flattering, but we now have four district men in charge of the work, and the indications are favorable for an unprecedented boom during the winter. Our report for December was the best we have had for six months, and from applications approved the indications are that January will be still better. The old camps all seem to have taken on new life, and many are requesting deputies, while others are asking for descriptive literature to be used in public meetings during the month of January. The new rates are helping us, and with the assurance which we have of co-operation of the camps throughout the state, the year of 1904 is destined to be the banner year for Oregon. We can use a few more good deputies. We would be pleased to hear from any Neighbor in the state regarding places where new camps can be organized.

J. W. SIMMONS, State Deputy.

Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 9.—Each day brings increased enthusiasm and better reports from the Head Physician of our state, and I find the camps where I have been very well pleased with the situation. I have attended many splendid meetings, where joint installations have been held, and interest is growing. I want to say for the Nebraska boys that Nebraska will be seen and heard from now on, and a splendid representation of foresters will be in evidence at the St. Louis encampment, and already our Nebraska members have taken up the battle cry, "Sixty Thousand Nebraska Modern Woodmen for Milwaukee."

E. E. KESTER, State Deputy.

Minnesota.

I have traveled over nearly every section of Minnesota and have talked with thousands of Neighbors about the new rates and I find that as soon as they give the subject just a little solid thought they become satisfied and dismiss the idea of lapsing. The few that may lapse will certainly reinstate as soon as they see that the new table has enabled us to skip the February assessment. I confidently expect the greatest increase in membership during the year 1904 that we have ever had in a single year. Let every member wear a "Million Men for Milwaukee" button. Yours fraternally,

W. S. DAWSON, State Deputy.

California.

San Francisco, Jan. 8.—On the afternoon of January 1, I took a walk in Golden Gate park. There was a concert, and thousands of people were sitting in the open air, enjoying the sunshine, flowers and music. On January 3 I stood on the summit of Aeolian Heights at Auburn, in the foot-hills of the Sierras, surrounded by trees laden with ripe oranges, with the perfume of blooming roses and innumerable flowers filling the air, and the bright sunshine warming the body as well as the soul of man. It was an ideal day and spot. In the deep gorge, hundreds of feet below, could be seen the American river; beyond this, in the distance, was the white crown of the snow-capped Sierra Nevadas. On January 5, in the city of Los Angeles, I saw barefooted boys selling papers on the streets. And all this while the eastener is shivering in the grip of the regular winter blizzards. Experienced and reliable fraternal insurance men can get as good results in this state as anywhere in the jurisdiction of Woodcraft. Yours fraternally,

J. O. DAVIS, State Deputy.

PROMINENT MEN WHO ARE WOODMEN.

HON. W. J. BRYAN,
Member of Camp 969, Lincoln, Neb.

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HON. C. F. IRWIN,
Judge United States Court, member Camp 7088, El Reno, Okla.

HON. G. D. MEIKLEJOHN,
Ex-Asst. Secretary of War, member Camp 270, Beatrice, Neb.

STATE LECTURERS

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Wyoming—Rev. H. Charles Dunsmore, Riverside.

Colorado.

Colorado City, Jan. 5.—F. O. VanGalder, Editor Modern Woodman—Esteemed Neighbor: A great many people are worrying over our new rates. They remind me of Frank M. Bristol's old story of the preacher in New York who was called over to Brooklyn to preach one Sunday morning. He worked himself up into a fright lest he should miss the ferry and be too late. When he reached the pier, sure enough the ferry-boat was four or five feet out from shore. In his anxiety to make it he threw his grip on board and then leaped, almost knocking a fellow passenger down; whereupon he was startled by the greeting, "You scared old idiot, can't you see that this boat ain't going out—it's just coming in." The boat of Woodcraft has been sailing through rough seas. The officers in charge have sometimes looked out with troubled hearts, but the good boat has weathered the storm, and comes into port with banners flying, ready for a cruise around the world. All hail to the boat of Woodcraft!

F. A. HAWKE, State Lecturer.

Minnesota.

Duluth, Dec. 29.—F. O. VanGalder, Editor—Esteemed Neighbor: Minnesota with seven hundred and thirty-one camps and fifty thousand members occupies no insignificant position among the states in standing and interest for Woodcraft. At this hour, when the Woodmen world is aroused to renewed endeavor and camp-fires are aglow, we are not idle. Individual effort, that prime factor which has been and always will be the great power that upbuilds and cements the fraternal insurance orders, is making itself felt in our ranks and we are realizing its results now. The great conservative principle, common sense, governs the rank and file of the Woodmen of Minnesota. Fraternally yours,

CHAS. B. PILLSBURY, State Lecturer.

Wisconsin.

Woodcraft in Wisconsin is prospering. There is a general desire to aid the workers and officers in securing our quota of the "Million." None are disposed to place obstacles in the way. In the local camps men have been elected looking toward a continuous growth through the year. State Deputy Keeler is anxious to secure more men as deputies. The fields are ripe for a grand harvest. The Head Camp city of Milwaukee is doing fine; much credit is due to Supervising Deputy Newman. We have wheeled into line and propose to stay there in accordance with the motto of our commonwealth, "Forward."

JAMES CHURM, State Lecturer.

District of Columbia.

The work of establishing our society in the national capital is in its infancy. The first camp, with a magnificent and splendid charter list, has just been instituted. The American people are desirous of making the city of Washington the most beautiful capital city of the world and to that end congress has appropriated large sums for public buildings and other improvements. All Woodmen join in this national pride and believe that their society should be represented by one of the largest, if not the largest, camps in its jurisdiction. By united effort of all Woodmen and joint co-operation with the Head Consul and his deputies this can be accomplished.

W. F. ALBERTSEN, State Lecturer.

Rhode Island.

Coventry, Jan. 1.—There has never been a movement in the history of fraternity that so deserves to succeed as the appeal to make our great order larger and therefore more able to take care of the home interest of the great army of toilers who bear all the great burdens of our civilization. We not only appeal to the manhood of our country and expect their appreciation and support in this movement, but we do solemnly record our conviction that the Almighty will give success to this commendable enterprise, which is to make for the betterment of so many thousands of His children, every one of which is loved of Him.

W. A. GARDNER,
State Lecturer and Head Chaplain.

Maine.

Auburn, Dec. 26.—F. O. VanGalder—Esteemed Neighbor: The snows are deep in our woods, but the trees are very large and plentiful and the axes of our merry deputies are ringing sweet music to the tune of "A Million Men for Milwaukee." None shall say they have better workers, better Neighbors or better prospects then we of Maine. People come to us in summer for the healing in our pine forests and about the only death recorded is when some visitor is accidentally taken for a deer. Good cheer and a glad hand for the success of the Modern Woodmen of America. Yours fraternally,

GEO. C. WEBBER, State Lecturer.

New York.

Albany.—The Woodmen of the great Empire state send greetings to their Neighbors throughout the jurisdiction. Although we are young in the order we have learned to sing her praises, our Neighbors have caught the spirit of the forests, they have heard our leader's call, "Ten hundred thousand Woodmen for Milwaukee." With such generals as Franklin and Westburg, with captains like Fisher, Benjamin, Simpson, Sherwood, Cromer, Buckland, Kirkpatricks, Todd and others, our forces are marshaled, the strife is on, can one doubt the results! The older states must look to their laurels. New York will produce her quota of that grand one million men for the Head Camp of 1905.

EDWIN W. SANFORD, State Lecturer.

Pennsylvania.

Chester.—F. O. VanGalder, Editor Modern Woodman—Esteemed Neighbor: The great increase in competition during the past few years, both by fraternal societies and old-line companies in Pennsylvania makes it necessary for the Modern Woodmen of America to meet this opposition from the platform. Our society is the grandest order in the world, and the public must know it. The state lecturers must no longer be simply ornaments in the parlor of the official family, but active assistants to the field workers. Our war cry in Pennsylvania is "Twenty-five Thousand Members by 1905, and A Million Men for Milwaukee." Yours fraternally,

S. P. HOOPMAN, State Lecturer.

North Dakota.

Jamestown, Jan. 2.—Editor Modern Woodman: North Dakota had 263 camps in good standing on November 1, 1903, with 10,841 benefit and 1,217 social members. Twenty-nine new camps were organized during the year. Very general satisfaction is expressed with the new table of rates. State Deputy Oliver is making a vigorous effort to increase our membership, but finds it a serious problem to retain a sufficient force of deputies for the proper prosecution of the work. Many of the old camps are now hustling, however, and a substantial net gain may be expected during 1904. Fraternally yours,

ALF. H. ELLSWORTH, State Lecturer.

New Jersey.

Newark, Jan. 1.—F. O. VanGalder, Editor Modern Woodman: New Jersey is doing very nicely, thank you. The improvement within the past five months is remarkable and unless the majority of the Neighbors whom I have met during that time throughout the state are untruthful, the coming year will show even a greater comparative improvement. I am sorry to say that there are still a few camps the members of which will do nothing for themselves, and still a few sore spots in different parts of the state. However, the spirit in general is so different from what it had been that "Even this will pass away!" very shortly, and "We'll be there!" Fraternally,

HENRY F. BAILLET, State Lecturer.

Iowa.

Anita.—The Modern Woodmen reminds me of our own country after the long, heated and often bitter campaign when the final result came and the matter was decided. Men forgot the bitterness of the strife and went to the field, the forge, and the factory, and others to the marts of trade at home and abroad. The mills rumbled, the whistles blew,

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the dinner-pails rattled, ponderous freight trains thundered down the line, and ocean greyhounds swept the seas. A campaign of education had been successfully completed and the people, wiser, went cherrily to work. The talk that "the common people don't know" has been swept from the trestle board by the action of the rank and file on the fateful night at Indianapolis. The Modern Woodmen, like a great, green country boy, with all the latent powers of an intellectual giant and gigantic business qualities undeveloped, went into this campaign and came out with all qualifications fully equipped for a long, prosperous, happy and useful life. She goes forth a giant operator in the field where the lofty wins fame in competition. She stands without a peer, far up the eminence, waving her banner, "Protection for the home, sympathy for the sorrowing, and help for the aspiring." Fraternal insurance as taught by the Modern Woodmen answers the world's financial need and says to every man, "Bring us your odd pennies and the next generation shall have no poor." D. A. ALLEN, State Lecturer.

Michigan.

F. O. VanGalder, Editor Woodman.—Esteemed Neighbor: The present condition of the Modern Woodmen of America in this state, compared with that which existed one year ago, cannot but cause one interested in the upbuilding of the order the greatest satisfaction. The Neighbors of the various camps are manifesting the greatest possible interest in the future of the order and the work in Michigan is progressing in a satisfactory manner. I have been in numerous sections of the state addressing picnic gatherings, meetings of individual camps and union meetings, and everywhere the greatest enthusiasm is manifest. A solid phalanx of enthusiastic Woodmen is presented on every occasion that the best interests of the order are at stake. Fraternally yours,

J. EARL BROWN, State Lecturer.

Nebraska.

Clay Center, Dec. 29.—Mr. F. O. VanGalder, Editor of Modern Woodman—Esteemed Neighbor: In the prairies of Nebraska there ye remains a great deal of available timber. The membership and field workers have taken up the battle cry, "A Million for Milwaukee," and the answer is echoed from the Rocky mountains and re-echoed from the Alleghanies—"We'll make Milwaukee famous." Nebraska camps are generally celebrating our twenty-first birthday. We are now old enough to vote, and we hope to vote often, on applications for adoption. Fraternally,

A. C. EPPERSON, State Lecturer.

Washington.

Seattle, Jan. 4.—F. O. VanGalder, Editor Modern Woodman—Esteemed Neighbor: Conditions of the Modern Woodmen in the state of Washington—so far as I am informed—are all hopeful. Our energetic and popular state deputy, Neighbor C. D. Elliott, still wears that becoming smile which indicates prosperity all along the line. Many of our camps will celebrate Anniversary day, January 5, with enthusiastic loyalty. I judge from letters received that some kind of a celebration will be quite general throughout the state. The state lecturer will assist the camp at Port Angeles on that occasion, and preparations have been made for a notable observance of the founding of our beloved order. Fraternally yours,

REV. W. D. SIMONDS, State Lecturer.

Arizona.

Phoenix, Jan. 2.—Esteemed Neighbor: The Modern Woodmen in Arizona is in its infancy. It is less than half a year old, and only about three months since Deputy O'Connor began his labors here. Organizations have been effected at Flagstaff and Phoenix, with Prescott and Tempe soon to follow. In the four cities named are about 100 members from other camps, and about 100 new members have been the result of the labors of the deputy. Phoenix, with its present rate of increase, will soon have a membership of 100. The outlook is bright, notwithstanding all other orders in existence have organizations here. ALBERT D. LEYHE, State Lecturer.

Vermont.

Fair Haven.—Mr. F. O. VanGalder, Editor Modern Woodman: Woodcraft in Vermont is both alive and prospering. We must share our State Deputy Palmer with Maine after this, which we are loath to do, as we do not see any too much of him as it is. We are lacking in esprit de corps, too many Neighbors taking membership for the insurance only, leaving the work of the camp to the few who are faithful. Deputies should exercise greater care to secure adoption of leading and influential citizens, cut out all excessive users of liquor, strike for quality of membership rather than size of roster, make more use of their state lecturer, and public meetings. Fraternally yours,

A. C. PENNEY, State Lecturer.

South Dakota.

Hudson, Jan. 1.—Tidings from the "Land of the Dacotahs, from the Land of Handsome Women." During the year which has just passed into history Woodcraft has made substantial gains in our state, and under the new plan we confidently look forward to 1904 as a record-breaker. During the year we have indulged in discussions, warm, yet good-natured, relative to the new plan, and although many were sure that in case of its adoption the death-knell of the order would sound, we are glad to report that few, if any, are withdrawing. Most of our camps have opened their charters for deputy work and a substantial, yet healthy increase is the result. We face the future with confidence. Fraternally,

A. R. JAMIESON, State Lecturer.

Maryland.

Baltimore, Jan. 2.—F. O. VanGalder, Editor Modern Woodman.—Esteemed Neighbor: The Modern Woodmen is new in Baltimore, but will prosper; its inducements, its aim, its large membership, its deputies, encourage and will bring good results. Men of all classes enjoy its benefits; the seed has been sown, has taken root, grown; now covering a multitude and capable of sheltering many thousands more. The Great Teacher said "Love thy neighbor"; love is to assist; assist is to strengthen; the father, mother, child, home, is brightened and life seems sweet. Insurance is an asset, an estate; fraternal protection provides during life and assists loved ones after our death. Long live the Woodmen. Fraternally yours,

STANLEY A. FOUTZ, State Lecturer.

Missouri.

Albany, Jan. 4.—F. O. VanGalder, Editor Modern Woodman—Esteemed Neighbor: In answer to yours of the 23d, would say I am just home from a trip through the forest of Missouri. In the past six or eight months I have traveled more than 4,520 miles and met with about one hundred camps. I find most of our camps are doing or are beginning to do very good work, since the readjustment has been settled. In many places I find that the Neighbors did not, or do not, fully understand the new rates, but as soon or as fast as it could be explained, all was well and peace and harmony seem to prevail. Many of our camps are going to celebrate the twenty-first anniversary. We are and have been doing what we could to make Missouri one of the first and if possible put her at the head of the class in 1905. M. G. RATCLIFFE,

State Lecturer.

Ohio.

Columbus, O., Jan. 6.—F. O. VanGalder, Editor Modern Woodmen: What report and message from Ohio?

Watchman, tell us of the night,
What the signs of promise are.
Traveler, from yon mountain height,
See our banner streaming far.

That is the good word from Ohio. The Buckeye boys have at last placed their banner on the highest peak. Ohio heads the list for December. The local camps and the rank and file are taking renewed interest. There is a spirit of growing enthusiasm, and a determined effort to boom Woodcraft in our state. The credit of this condition is due in great part to the untiring perseverance and steadfast devotion of State Deputy N. C. Sherburne. Under his management we confidently expect a greatly increased growth. Keep your eye on the Buckeye state. Yours for a "Million Men for Milwaukee." Fraternally,

EDW. B. THOMAS, State Lecturer.

Camp Clerks Column

Lo! the Woodmen Bring.

By J. T. Chapman, Royal Oak Camp 10188.

Tune—"Roll, Jordan, Roll."

(To use as a part-song, see *footnote.)

1— Neighbors, don't be shirking—
2— 'Tis not play;
3— "Old-line" men are working
4— Night and day.
5— Neighbors, don't you see them
6— Tied so fast?
7— Neighbors, up and free them
8— From "old-line" grasp.

Refrain: Sing, Neighbors, sing!
Make the welkin ring!
"Peace to you
And safety too
Lo! the Woodmen bring."
(Repeat refrain.)

1— Thousands now are joining—
2— Great, good news;
3— Fees are easy coining—
4— Don't refuse.
5— Neighbors, stop all "chewing"—
6— Let that pass;
7— There's never "nothing' doing"
8— When "spouting gas."

—Refrain.

1— Count not any failings—
2— Stick, boys, stick!
3— With Johnson's help and Whelan's
4— We'll do the trick.
5— Rest not now nor slumber,
6— We must thrive.
7— "A Million" marks the number
8— For nine-teen-five.

—Refrain.

*One leading voice sings lines 1, 3, 5, 7. Three or four voices join and sing lines numbered 2, 4, 6, 8. Everybody sing the refrain.

Newark, N. J.

Newark, Dec. 24.—F. O. VanGalder, Editor Modern Woodman: We have a membership of nearly four hundred (and not a single kicker), and with the help of our energetic and progressive state deputy, Albert Schurr, you can rest assured we will furnish our quota towards the "Million Men for Milwaukee." The outlook for our beloved order was never better than at the present time. I joined the order in 1884 and am still in the business. Fraternally, H. S. TOLEN, Clerk 7062.

El Reno, Okla.

Oklahoma sends greeting for 1904. Camp 7088 is favorable to the new rates. It has no sour-visaged kickers. It believes the M. W. A. to be the BEST (put it in capitals) fraternal order on earth, with rates still very low, and protection sure. Let everybody work for "One Million for Milwaukee!" Push it along. If you can't push, pull! Energy, vim, snap, git-up-and-go-after-it will win. Everybody do something, and do it quick! Work, work, work. Never let up. Lordy, one hundred words won't start me, so I'll just shout Hurrah for Woodcraft! and hustle.

A. E. SAXEY, Clerk 7088.

Denver, Colo.

Denver, Dec. 25.—F. O. VanGalder, Editor Modern Woodman—Esteemed Neighbor: One of the greatest drawbacks in Denver is the stay-at-home Neighbors. Out of 650, the weekly attendance averages from twenty to thirty. I have just received a list of over 300 Neighbors who live here but hold their membership in other states. We are going after them; we need them. I would like to see an article in the Woodman every month urging Neighbors to transfer into camps into these new states and help get new timber. Prospects are good here. We have some hustling deputies and will have a larger camp this time next year. Everything is harmonious in the banner camp of the state of Colorado. Fraternally yours,

P. C. RECTOR, Clerk Camp 7269.

Bangor, Me.

Bangor, Me., Jan. 7.—F. O. VanGalder, Editor Modern Woodman—Esteemed Neighbor: Bangor Camp 7799 is in my opinion in a very healthy condition both physically and financially. Our camp was organized March, 1900, and during that time, with two hundred members, we have lost but one by death. We think that speaks very well for the quality of members we are adopting. I do not think we will lose a single member on account of the new rates, for the members have been very well educated to them and realize that now we have the best at the lowest cost. We hope there will be "A Million Men for Milwaukee." Fraternally yours,

W. L. MOUNTAINE, Clerk Camp 7799.

Reno, Nev.

Reno, Jan. 5.—F. O. VanGalder, Editor Modern Woodman: The raise of rates is a benefit to the order in the state of Nevada, instead of a detriment. I have yet to hear the first dissenting word against it; we all were aware of the fact that we were getting our insurance for less than actual cost and we are not the kind of people to expect something for nothing. Our camp never was in as good, harmonious working condition as it is at present. We are having a steady, permanent growth. We always look to quality first, then to quantity. We are all making a desperate effort for the million mark in 1905. Fraternally yours,

O. H. MACK, Clerk 10238.

Kansas City, Mo.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 9.—F. O. VanGalder, Editor Modern Woodman.—Esteemed Neighbor: The members of the Banner Camp fully appreciate the value of the readjustment of rates, as they nearly all look at the change from a business standpoint, as well as the fraternal side. I firmly believe that the temporary suspension upon the January pass report will be less than five per cent. and that when these members have the change fully explained to them, the majority will reinstate within the sixty day limit. The whole trouble with our members is that they do not read their Woodman literature and consequently are not posted as to the value of the change to them. We had a great boom on in Kansas City, and will surely land our quota of "A Million Men for Milwaukee," where I hope to meet you. Yours fraternally,

R. W. WILSON, Clerk 2002.

Hagerstown, Md.

Hagerstown, Jan. 2.—Mr. F. O. VanGalder, Editor Modern Woodman: Greetings from the largest camp in "Maryland, my Maryland." Am proud to say our camp has taken up the cry, "A Million Men for Milwaukee," and the present year will be the banner year for us as the result. The spread of Woodcraft in the state will go steadily forwards from now on. The boys in our camp are waking up and the 150 members we now have will be doubled inside the present year. Our esteemed Head Consul struck the keynote when he aimed for the million mark. Every Woodman throughout the jurisdiction should keep those words before him and make the chips of Woodcraft fly into the heart of every eligible man within the jurisdiction of the greatest fraternal society in the world.

FRANK L. BENNETT, Clerk 7356.

St. Paul, Minn.

St. Paul.—Neighbor VanGalder, Editor Modern Woodman: As far as my observation extends I think our society is in better shape now than ever. Almost without exception our members are satisfied and lots of them are pleased with the change in rates, feeling that now we have as solid and permanent an organization as any in existence. From the talk had with our members, I think we will have not to exceed one per cent. of loss on account of the change, and will get lots of new members as the boys think it is something to tie to now, and will bring in their friends. Our membership is 1,150 and we are looking for the national banner.

A. H. HOOPER, Clerk 674.

Fargo, N. D.

Fargo, Jan. 1.—Neighbor VanGalder: What is the condition of the society? The utmost harmony and good feeling exists in the banner camp of North Dakota. Not half the usual suspensions the last six months, and only one on account of new rates. The spirited discussion preceding the change only prepared us for loyal submission to the majority. Possibly I take too hopeful view of the situation here on account of the exceedingly pleasant manner in which the Fargo Neighbors treat their clerk, but I firmly believe Woodcraft has a more brilliant future than even its wonderful past. Fraternally,

L. C. JOHNSON, Clerk Camp 1580.

Rochester, N. Y.

Rochester, Jan. 1.—No. 8450, the banner camp of the Empire state, sends greetings to all Neighbors of the Modern Woodmen. Since her institution on July 30, 1900, with twenty-five charter members, peace, harmony and good cheer have prevailed about her camp-fire. Besides having sixteen sister camps in the Flower City at the close of business January 1, 1904, she has 333 members in good standing. Woodcraft never had a brighter prospect than at the present writing, and, under the guiding hand of District Deputy A. B. Buckland, Camp 8450 will meet you all in Milwaukee in 1905 with her pro rata share of the required "One Million."

R. B. SPEARE, Clerk Camp 8450.

Portland, Ore.

Portland, Jan. 4.—F. O. VanGalder, Editor Modern Woodman.—Esteemed Neighbor: Oregon Fir Camp 5085 has a beneficial membership of a little over 400, all of whom are well acquainted with the change in their rates which took place the first of January. All who now understand it sanction the act of the last Head Camp and think they acted wisely, and they are willing to pay the addition placed on their rates. I do not believe that we will lose a single member on account of this change. I believe that our growth here in this state will be greater this year than we have ever had and that the M. W. A. will come to the front as she should have done long ago, as our position in the fraternal line is at the head, and there we must be and remain. The Neighbors seem to have taken on an active feeling and all seem to want to do their part in swelling our membership to its proper numerical order. Yours fraternally,

S. H. HAINES, Clerk 5085.

Des Moines, Ia.

Des Moines.—U. S. Grant Camp 108, of Des Moines, one of the large camps in the jurisdiction, and banner camp for Iowa, was organized August 5, 1885, with 108 charter members. In 1801, when I was elected clerk, the membership was 156; since that time the camp has had a deputy, and today the membership is 1,256, making a gain of 1,100 in the twelve years. The deputy has proved a good thing in this case. I don't believe we will lose a single member by the change of rates as the members to a man are satisfied. We now hold the state banner and will continue to hold it as long as Woodcraft exists.

GEO. N. FRINK, Clerk 108.

Sunflower Camp.

Asked for a report from the largest camp in Kansas, M. W. Saxon, the clerk, breaks into poetry as follows:

When people were predicting
Eternal smash, or worse,
Account of rates conflicting
With the old man's purse,
There was mighty little doing,
But no discord was brewing
In Sunflower Camp.

This year we will do our share,
For "Millions at Milwaukee;"
At the great big Purchase Fair
Our milk 'll not be chalky;
We are going there for cream,
For we have got the team
In Sunflower Camp.

Rah! Rah! Ree!
Who are we?
Banner Camp of Kansas,
Don't you see?
Five-thirty-six,
Watch our tricks,
Sunflower dandies,
Five-Three-Six!

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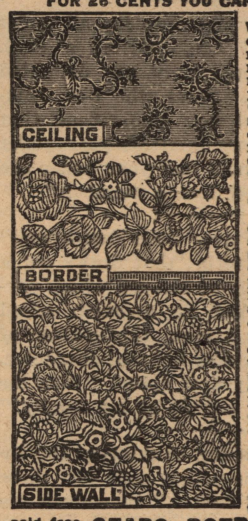

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No assessment for February.

If you like this issue of the new Modern Woodman, tell your friends; if you don't like it, write and tell the editor.

Have courage to own that you are poor and discount your poverty by seeking protection for loved ones in some great fraternal beneficiary society.

Modern Woodmen of America has no reserve fund, yet it has a fund of more than a million reserve ready to meet the death losses of members as they occur.

A man has a right to lapse from membership in the Modern Woodmen if he no longer desires protection for loved ones, but he has no right to induce another member to also lapse. To do so is reprehensible, unmanly.

"Indulging in dangerous pleasures," saith a Burmese proverb, "is like licking honey from a knife and cutting the tongue with the edge." There may be pleasure for some to lapse membership for the sake of the honey of spite, but the edged knife is under it all.

There is a tree in summer that puts forth its leaves and flowers fraught with the richest fragance only in the night. So it it with the great tree of Fraternity; the full beauty of its fragrance is never realized until the dark night of bereavement comes to the home.

Although the February assessment is omitted, local clerks will bear in mind that under the new by-laws call is made for the amount of the January assessment which should now be in their hands. This they must remit so it will arrive at the Head Office on or before Feburary 18.

If any member has not paid the January assessment because of the slight increase in rates, the clerk of his camp should call his attention to the fact that there is no assessment for February and induce him to reinstate. No one can afford to go into suspension because of the change in rates.

The first death in Kentucky since our society began doing business in that state was that of Neighbor Byron P. Donnell, a member of Camp 11324 at Guston, who died on December 3 from pneumonia, after only a brief membership in our society. He held a certificate for $1,000, payable to his wife.

Make all remittances payable to Head Banker, M. W. of A., Rock Island, Ill. The present Head Banker is A. N. Bort, of Beloit, Wis., but remittance should not be made payable to him. All remittances forwarded to the Head Clerk should be made payable to "Head Banker, M. W. of A., Rock Island, Ill."

"The members of my camp are all under thirty-five years of age," writes a clerk from Oklahoma, "and they are delighted with the new rates. Some who were talking of dropping out now understand that they will actually pay less this year under the new than they paid last year under the old rates. I will not lose a member."

"No poultice has ever been discovered," says an ancient proverb, "that draws out a man's virtues so fully as the sod which covers the grave." And no question asked upon the death of a man, the answer of which more truly depicts his real character, than the one usually first asked: "Was his life insured for the benefit of his family?"

An advertiser wishing to impress the increasing merit of his article uses just three words, "Better and better," to convey his meaning. These three words most aptly describe Modern Woodmen as each succeeding year goes by. It is growing "better and better," and never before was quite so good as it is just now. Our loyal members are all proud of the splendid achievements of our grand society; a veritable young giant in its strength.

The promised working of the new rate is likely to be verified. If levied under the old rate the January assessment would have brought to the benefit fund $525,000. Under the new rate $750,000 will be realized. This $250,000 increase added to the surplus on hand makes it possible for the Board of Directors to pay promptly all death claims and omit the February assessment.

Camp 51, Rockford, Ill., celebrated the twenty-first anniversary Friday evening, January 15. A class of candidates was adopted early in the evening, followed by an address by Head Consul Talbot. Director G. W. Reilly, Head Physician J. A. Rutledge, and the editor of the Woodman also delivered short addresses. There were about 700 Woodmen present and the meeting was an enthusiastic one.

"We judge our friends by the scales of prosperity. Adversity is the only true balance," says an eminent writer, "by which to weigh friends." Thus we should also judge a fraternal society; not by what it can do for us during the daytime of health and prosperity, but by what it can do for our beneficiaries when night has closed over our lives and the darkness of grim want is about.

"The most affluent," says Sterne, "may be stript of all, and find his worldy comforts like so many withered leaves dropping from him." It is because of the uncertainty of riches that so many wisely provide against any such contingency by carrying on their lives protection for loved ones. for as long as riches may take wings, even the "opulent banker" may well guard against poverty for dependents.

The society's Board of Auditors, consisting of F. W. Parrott, L. W. Otto, John D. Denison, Jr., M. R. Carrier, and Edw. B. Thomas, were at the Head Office during January to close the audit of accounts for the year 1903. Everything was found to be in splendid condition and a good healthy financial balance on hand; records all properly kept and the affairs of the society being conducted with harmony and neighborly consideration.

"No state can be more destitute," says Bergh, "than that of a person who, when the delights of sense forsake him, has no pleasure of the mind." What pleasure of mind can there be for the man who, neglecting to protect his children from want, comes on his death-bed to realize what his thoughtlessness means to them? There is pleasure for the man who knows every hour of the day that the future of his loved ones has been made safe from the stings of poverty by the certificate he holds in some good fraternal beneficiary society.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a song, entitled "Lo! the Woodmen Bring," composed by Neighbor John T. Chapman, member of Camp 10188, of Albany, N. Y. Neighbor Chapman is secretary of The Sabbath Literature Co. and is a busy man, but he will find time to contribute a "catchy" song for each issue of the official paper during the coming year. We have a second song from him, entitled "The Wondrous Shield of Woodcraft," which will also be well received by the singing members who delight in enlivening the meetings of the local camps.

Modern Woodmen of America maintains at its Head Office a supply department. This supply department was created for the sole benefit of the membership of the society. It is not conducted as a profit-making branch, but simply for the accommodation of the members and the camps, and for the purpose of serving as an equalizer to regulate in a measure the prices which outside supply houses charge for paraphernalia. The supply department is in charge of Head Clerk C. W. Hawes, and every article necessary for the correct exemplification of the work of the local camp can be procured through the department. All goods are sold at cost plus a sum just sufficient to pay the expense of handling. All camps desiring paraphernalia of any kind, or members wishing the newest and best in emblems or badges, should write direct to the Modern Woodmen Supply Department, Rock Island, Ill.

A person who is now a social member is required to pay camp and Head Physician fees if he becomes a beneficial member, but he is not required to pay the certificate fee. Doubtless there are thousands of social members now in our society who are eligible to beneficial membership. It would be wise for all who could pass the medical examination to at once secure a benefit certificate, even though there is not at present any one dependent upon them. They may sometime have dependents when, because of age limit or impaired health, unable to secure a benefit certificate.

There seems to be a little misunderstanding regarding the action taken by the last Head Camp concerning the fee for social membership. By the change in the by-law, the social membership fee is now $4, but a registration fee of $1 is also required, making the total cost for a social member the same now as under the old law, $5. The only change in condition is that the registration fee of $1 must now be forwarded to the Head Clerk with the social application. In other words, the deputy or local camp now retains only $4 of the social membership fee instead of $5 as heretofore.

Because of reference in official proceedings to new ritual many local clerks have understood that the same were now in stock and have been ordering them, stating that old rituals have been destroyed. Such action is premature. Although the new ritual was put in type as long ago as last September, it has taken time to perfect all of its little details, and while the same is now in the hands of the publisher, it is not yet ready. Due notice will be given all local clerks when the new ritual can be exchanged for old. Accompanying the notice will be sent the terms upon which the exchange can be made.

It is now up to the consul. If he is the right man for the office, this year will be a prosperous one for his local camp. If he has secured the office simply for self-gratification instead of a desire to see his camp grow this year as never before, the camp work will be a dismal failure the whole year. Having accepted the office to which his Neighbors have elected him, he should show his appreciation of the honor by faithful, energetic work. If the consul is prompt, energetic, painstaking, the members will become imbued with the same characteristics and the year will be a good one for the members, for the camp and for the society.

Modern Woodmen of America has for years been accomplishing such great things that a district deputy may do wonders in the way of securing applicants and still have the event passed with scarcely a comment. One of the record-breaking things accomplished, however, and one which every member of our society will be interested in having particularly called to their attention, was the initiation at Indianapolis, on the night of the twenty-first anniversary of our society, of a class of 435 members. This class was "worked up" by District Deputy C. A. Osborne, who was ably assisted by a corp of assistant deputies and the members of ten camps in and about Indianapolis.

Neighbor E. H. McCutchen died at his home in Holstein, Ia., Wednesday, January 13, after a brief illness from typhoid fever. Neighbor McCutchen was prominent in Woodman circles. He was clerk of Camp 3931, and had been delegate to the Head Camps in Dubuque, Kansas City, St. Paul, and Indianapolis. At Indianapolis he served on the special readjustment committee of twenty-five, and aided in securing the adoption of the plan under which the society is now operating, and which is known as the Iowa plan. The funeral was held on Sunday, January 17, and was largely attended. Neighbor McCutchen was a man of splendid ability, genial temperment, and strict integrity. He enjoyed the confidence of a large circle of friends who will mourn his death.

Modern Woodman appears in its new form this month greatly improved in appearance. There are also many marked changes in contents of the paper which we believe will be appreciated. The long reports of Board of Directors and Executive Council have been "edited" and tell in more readable manner all of general interest that is being done. The assessment notice appears in simpler and better understood form, omitting needless repetition, as also does reports of delinquent camps, Head Clerk's financial statements and much matter which under the old form occupied a large portion of the space to the exclusion of more attractive articles. By the changes we are able to add several new departments, an interesting story and other features which we trust will make the paper a welcome monthly visitor to every one of the more than 700,000 Woodmen homes.

We have been requested to call the especial attention of all the members of our society who are residing in towns away from their home camp and ask them to at once procure transfer cards and become members of the camp in their present locality. This favor is especially requested of members from the older states of the jurisdicion who are now residing in the new states, or in the new territory lately admitted to our jurisdiction. If they will send a postal card to the state deputy of the state in which they reside, he will take pleasure in advising them concerning the camp already established, or to be established near them. The influence of their membership in this new territory is needed, and if they will take transfers at once it will prove of great benefit to the society.

Personal.

Mrs. L. M. Collins, member of the Supreme Board of Royal Neighbors, who has been quite seriously ill from inflammatory rheumatism, is now convalescent.

State Deputy Mode M. Pierce has been confined to his bed for the past month with illness, which will account for his inability to fill different engagements on occasion of anniversary celebrations throughout his state. His many friends hope to hear of his speedy recovery.

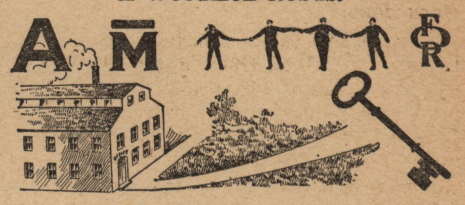
Give Camp Numbers.

In writing to any department of the Head Office always give the number of your camp; especially necessary is this when you send in for a change in the address of your Modern Woodman. Your name can not be located on the mailing list until the number of your camp is known.

A Good Record.

The result of careful medical selection is seen in the record made by Camp 2136, of Bourbon, Mo. This camp was chartered January 12, 1894, has a membership of seventy-six, and now reports its first death —that of Neighbor Burton A. Delcour, and his death was from typhoid fever. We wish we had them so we could publish the names of all the local physicians who have made examinations for this camp.

A Woodmen Rebus.



The above rebus tells what the Modern Woodmen are now very anxious to accomplish. Who can read it? Neighbor J. W. Wright, of Camp 1559, Wrightsville, Ill., is the author of the rebus. We would like to have other members try their hand on rebus, or drawing of equal interest to Woodmen, and submit same to us for publication, if found available.

A Loyal Membership.

Reports received from all over the jurisdiction relating to the effect of the new rates upon the membership are certainly very gratifying. Instead of a large number of camps going into suspension as predicted, these reports are to the effect that there are practically no suspensions. One clerk writes: "Out of a membership of 440, we will have but one suspension on account of the rerating of the members, and the one who now says he will lapse is a fellow who does not eat anything except shredded wheat biscuit, and the only fear the members of our camp have at this time is that he will reconsider his determination and remain with us." Another clerk writes: "Out of a membership of over 1,000 we will not have a single suspension on account of rerating. Each month we have the usual number who go into temporary suspension and then reinstate, but the number will not be increased this month." Thus all indications are that the great mass of the membership are still loyal to the best interests of the society and will not lapse membership because of the slight change made in rates.

SUPREME MEDICAL DIRECTORS.

What They Are Doing to Advance the Best Interests of Our Society.

When the Indianapolis Head Camp provided for the appointment of a Board of Supreme Medical Directors, many of our members were in doubt as to the advisability of creating this extra board, but those who had been closely watching the medical examinations long ago became convinced that while in the main the examinations were the peer of examinations made by any other society, there were weak spots, and the great need was for a supervising head which should have authority to finally review the work before a certificate was written.

Acting under the authority conferred on them by the last Head Camp, the Executive Council appointed Dr. E. L. Kerns, Dr. F. A. Smith, and Dr. B. E. Jones, Supreme Medical Directors. They established their office in the Head Office building and are devoting their entire time to the society. Already the effects of the splendid work done by them is being felt.

It was first brought into prominent notice by the squirming of dishonest deputies and careless or indifferent medical examiners. In fact not a few easy going deputies, or those who were deputies, but have since, in some cases, had their commissions revoked, have declared that the Supreme Medical Board was killing the deputy work; that it was impossible to get an application by the Supreme Board, even though the risk was the healthiest man in the community. To show how little there is to such exaggerations, we would say that during their entire work since appointment to date, less than 600 rejections have been made by the Supreme Medical Board although more than 30,000 applications have been received since that date. But the fact that they stand in position to reject a poor risk is having a very salutary effect upon the work of not only solicitors, but of many local camp examiners as well. The Head Physician in every state has recognized the benefit accruing from a Supreme Medical Board which provides for uniformity in examination and rules, and they are all working in perfect harmony with the Supreme Board.

A majority of the Head Physicians have availed themselves of the opportunity of counselling with the Supreme Medical Board in out of the ordinary cases, and the society is reaping the benefit in a better class of risks than ever before.

To show the character of the work being done by the Supreme Board we would refer to the following cases as a portion of the work done:

Here is one case.—Fourteen applications came to the Head Office approved by both local and Head Physician. All had the same pulse, the same temperature, same respiration, and same specific gravity of urine. The Supreme Medical Board, getting these applications in a bunch, was able to detect this similarity, which the Head Physician would not be so apt to discover, as the applications, presumably, passed through his office one at a time and on different dates. They notified the Head Physician of the peculiarity of these fourteen applications and he made a personal visit to the camp and examined these applicants. His visit disclosed that the camp physician was not a graduate in medicine, and really had made no examination of the applicants. After his examination the Head Physician rejected ten out of the fourteen.

Another case.—Eight applications approved by a Head Physician showed on their face, when bunched together at the Head Office, owing to the similarity of pulse-rate, temperature, respiration, and specific gravity of the urine, the ear-marks of crookedness, and one of the Supreme Medical Directors made a personal investigation by visiting the town and examining the applicants personally, and secured written statements from six of the applicants that the physician had never made an examination of the pulse, temperature, or urine—had not even called for sample of urine to make analysis of. Out of this bunch one was found to have a consumptive family history, in addition to cancer, admitted by applicant, and he was consequently rejected. Two of the applicants were suffering from acute illness at the time of his visit and were requested to be examined again by another camp physician. A week later, one of them appeared for re-examination and passed all right; the other has so far refused to go ahead with the examination,—whether it is because he fears that he is physically unable to do so, or not, of course we do not know.

In another case, twenty-one applications approved by the Head Physician came to the Supreme Medical Board showing same pulse, same temperature, same respiration, and same specific gravity of urine, and all declared they had been total abstainers from the use of intoxicants for life. Since no two men are created exactly alike, when twenty-one applications show such similarity in pulse, respiration, temperature, and admirable moral characteristics, it was enough to cause a suspicion of laxity on the part of the local examiner, and, as before stated, coming through the Head Physician's office one at a time, this similarity would not be so easily detected as when all were bunched together for certificates to be written. The Head Physician of the state, when his attention was called to this similarity, went to the town to re-examine the twenty-one applicants, and rejected four himself. One was seriously sick at the time of the alleged examination by the local camp physician, and when the reputed examination was alleged to have been made he was just recovering from typhoid fever. Two more of the applicants were ill at the time, showing that the local camp physician had not made an examination of the applicants.

Another bunch of thirteen applications showed such indication of incompetent examination that one of the Supreme Medical Board visited that locality and re-examined the thirteen, causing the rejection of one.

Another bunch of applications showed such ear-marks of crookedness that a member of the Supreme Board was sent to investigate and found that the deputy had taken a blank application to the doctor and told him it was for the social membership of an applicant, and that while no medical examination was necessary, it was necessary for the physician to sign it as examiner. The deputy then filled in the entire medical examination blank himself without the knowledge or consent of the camp physician. He changed the date of birth of another applicant who was past forty-five years of age to make his age one year younger. Of course, the crooked work of this deputy was referred to Head Consul Talbot, and his commission was revoked.

Three other applicants, who had been passed by the local and Head physicians as first-class risks, were found to be drunkards and totally unfit for beneficial membership.

An investigation of another lot of applicants revealed the fact that the deputy had filled in all the application blank, including the medical examination, and had signed the camp physician's name to it. This was done with the consent of the physician. A confession of this crooked work on the part of the deputy and physician was made by the deputy and Head Consul Talbot promptly caused the commission of both deputy and physician to be revoked.

With such a record as this to start with, which is only a fair sample of work done, we are quite sure the loyal members of our society will commend our Board of Supreme Medical Directors for the splendid work they are doing. The honest deputy has no complaint to make. He is not soliciting one-lung applicants, hence is not troubled with rejections. The honest and competent local physician is also pleased with results, as he is not troubled with rejections, being courageous enough to reject poor risks himself.

With all this and much more to commend the appointment of the Supreme Medical Board, we suggest that when you hear anyone complaining because of the rejection of a risk that you look carefully to the record of the one making the complaint, and nine times out of ten, we apprehend, it will be found the rejection was warranted by crooked or incompetent work on the part of the one making the complaint. The rejections of poor risks already made have saved the society $34,200. Let the good work continue.

QUERY CORNER

Question.—How many members constitute a quorum for a local camp, and how often are camps required to hold meetings?
CONSUL.

Answer.—Section 230 of Head Camp by-laws says local camps shall hold regular meetings at least once a month, and oftener if practicable. Seven beneficial members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

Question.—Do a few of the members have a right to fix a night for the election of officers? Our regular meeting night was skipped on account of a show and a few agreed to meet the next night and elect officers without any notice. Was this action regular? 987.

Answer.—If the meeting held was an adjourned meeting from a regular meeting, then no notice of such meeting was necessary. If it was a special meeting, then notice of such meeting would have to be served on each and every member of the camp by the clerk thereof, at least one day prior to the time of the holding of such meeting, by depositing in the nearest post office such notice in an envelope duly sealed, postage prepaid thereon, and addressed to said member at the post office address last furnished by him. See section 234, 1903 Head Camp by-laws.

Question.—My sister is my beneficiary. She has recently been married. Is it necessary to change certificate to her new name?

Answer.—No; not necessary. All that will be necessary in case of your death and the certificate remains unchanged would be for her to prove her identity, which could be done by filing in the office of the Head Clerk a certificate of ner marriage.

Question.—Our clerk and banker were installed without a bond. Can they legally transact the duties of their office until they each give a bond? I find in the by-laws, section 276, that the clerk shall be required to give a bond which shall be approved by the members and accepted by a majority vote of the beneficial members present. I also find in section 289 the following: "The banker shall give a bond in such sum as is provided in the local camp by-laws, conditioned upon the faithful performance of his duty, which said bond shall be approved by the board of managers and accepted by a majority of the beneficial members present." Nowhere in the by-laws do I find anything to the contrary, although our clerk and banker declare that they do not under the laws have to give bond.
A MEMBER.

Answer.—Under resolution adopted by the Head Camp at Indianapolis, the bond by clerk and banker are now furnished from the Head Office under contract with the National Surety Company, of New York. Full particulars concerning these bonds and the basis of the amount for each were published on page 4 of the January Woodman. Your clerk and banker are correct in saying that they do not have to give bonds, as the resolution takes precedence over the section of the by-laws referred to.

Question.—If a beneficial member has a certificate made to his father and mother, and one dies, will the other draw the full amount of the certificate? W. N. O.

Answer.—This would depend on the date of the certificate, and the question can not be intelligently answered without having this date before us. The certificate issued under the present by-laws would make the whole amount of the certificate payable to the surviving beneficiary; but there are certificates issued under other by-laws which contain different provisions, and the question would all hinge on the terms of the contract and the certificate, which could be easily determined by us if we had the date of the certificate before us.

Question.—How is a camp clerk to determine when a member is intemperate? Do you judge from the amount of liquor used, or the effect?

Answer.—There is no hard and fast rule by which this question can be answered. The clerk must use his own judgment; in nearly every case which comes before him for action he can determine by conditions and circumstances. If after a full knowledge of the facts he is of opinion that the member is using liquor to excess, then he should act. Last summer three United States judges in Boston endeavored to decide when a man is intemperate in the use of intoxicating liquors. They each wrote an opinion, but failed to arrive at a decision, as the three opinions were entirely different.

THE FORESTERS

GEN. J. H. MITCHELL, IONIA, MICHIGAN

The foresters who were present at the Indianapolis encampment will be pained to learn that Neighbor Benj. E. Gould, who officiated on General Mitchell's staff at the encampment, was one of the hundreds who lost their lives in the Iroquois theater holocaust. With his wife he visited the city for a holiday outing and rest from his duties as circuit clerk of Kane county, and visiting the matinee performance in the afternoon, both he and his estimable wife lost their lives. Neighbor Gould was a member of Camp 60 and held in highest esteem by all. Beside the $1,000 certificate he held in the Modern Woodmen, Neighbor Gould also carried $1,000 in the Archean Union, $1,000 in the Royal League, and $2,000 in the Bankers' Union. On account of the death of Neighbor Gould and wife the twenty-first anniversary celebration arranged to be held by Camp 60 was postponed until a later date.

Iowa Chief Foresters' Association.

The Iowa Chief Foresters' Association will be held in Des Moines March 1, 2 and 3. A cordial invitation is extended to all camps in the state to send their chief forester to this school of instruction, which will be under the direction of Brig. Gen. J. D. Liggett, member of the Drill Manual committee. This will be the third school of this kind ever held. Camps desiring good drill teams will make no mistake in sending their foresters to this meeting. For further information write to the secretary, Geo. N. Frink, Des Moines, Ia., or to J. V. Bush, president, Oelwein, Ia.

Team Organization.

January 11.—At this time and in the interest of the Forester Department of the Modern Woodmen of America, I would say that team organization is one of the main features of our order. I may say the life of the camp; the one thing that keeps up the interest at the camp meetings is the team. It creates enthusiasm among the members and camps that have no team should at once organize. The consul should at once select a good man to act as chief forester, then let him select his men for the team; get a few copies of volumes I and II of our Drill Manual from the Supply Department at Rock Island and in a short time they will be able to compete with the best of teams, for within the ranks of Woodcraft is some of the finest forest timber the country affords for this purpose. If the camp is small, don't hesitate; get eight or twelve men; and if the camp is large enough to get the team to its full strength, sixteen men, and by keeping a few extra men on hand your team will be always at its full strength.
PETER F. ANDERSON,
Chief Forester 51.

Won the Throop Cup.

Last November the teams from Newark City Camp and Essex Camp of Newark, N. J., met in a competitive drill. The Newark team won the decision and the cup offered by Eugene W. Throop, one of its members. The donor of the cup is a charter member of the camp and ranks as one of its most earnest workers. During 1902 he presented eighty-

E. W. THROOP AND THE CUP.

five applications for membership to the camp. The loving cup presented by Neighbor Throop is to be contested for annually at state meetings and will become the permanent property of the team winning it three times in succession. The cup is of solid silver, gold lined and stands sixteen inches high. On it is engraved the following: "The Throop cup presented by E. W. Throop of Newark City Camp 7062 to the forester team of New Jersey for competitive drills before the state camps." Above we are pleased to give a photograph not only of the cup, but also of Neighbor Throop, the generous donor.

Prudence yields to circumstances, folly quarrels with it, pride defies it, wisdom uses it, and genius controls it.—Blackie.

"Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it."—Abraham Lincoln.

To-Day.

To-day the sunshine freely showers
Its benedictions where we stand;
There's not a passing cloud that lowers
Above this pleasant summer land;
Then let's not waste the sweet to-day,—
To-morrow, who can say?

Perhaps, to-morrow we may be,—
Alas! Alas! the thought is pain,—
As far apart as sky and sea,
Sundered to meet no more again;
Then let us clasp thee, sweet to-day,
To-morrow, who can say?

The daylight fades; a purple dream
Of twilight hovers overhead,
While all the trembling stars but seem
Like sad tears yet unshed;
Oh, sweet to-day, so soon away!
To-morrow, who can say?

—Mary N. Prescott.

The Blues.

They haven't yet discovered
The germ that frets us so,
When gloomy clouds have hovered
Where the sun was wont to glow.
When our hopes all seem to scatter
And the flowers their sweetness lose,
There is nothing much the matter,
You have only "got the blues."

—Washington Star.

The Dutch queen mother has accepted the invitation of King Edward to attend the marriage of Prince Alexander of Teck and Princess Alice of Albany, February 10.

The revolutionary movement in Uruguay is serious. No one is allowed to leave the country without a passport, and it is believed the revolutionists are receiving support from across the Brazilian frontier.

The message of Gov. W. C. Beckham, of Kentucky, while admitting that conditions in Breathitt county were, at one time, unfortunate, scores "yellow" journals for their exaggerations and recommends the passage of a law making such publications in the state criminal offenses.

The pope has signed the brief appointing Mgr. Serafini, archbishop of Spoleto, apostolic delegate to Mexico instead of apostolic visitor in Mexico, as expected. This is considered by the vatican authorities the first step toward the resumption of diplomatic relations between Mexico and the holy see.

Alfred A. Knapp, self-confessed murderer of five persons, now in the penitentiary at Columbus, O., awaiting execution for the murder of his wife, has been granted a new trial at Hamilton, O., because of alleged error in allowing his written confession of five murders, for which he was not on trial, to be read to the jury.

The strangest race of men in the world is to be investigated by Prof. Frederick Starr of the University of Chicago. He will go to the island of Yezo, in the Japan group, and study the mysterious race of Ainos, who are regarded by many scientists as the nearest approach to the missing link. The expense of the expedition is to be borne by the St. Louis exposition, which hopes that he will bring back a few of these queer humans to exhibit at the fair.

In an opinion by Chief Justice Fuller the supreme court of the United States decided that citizens of Porto Rico are not aliens of the United States and that they are entitled to enter this country without obstruction. The opinion was delivered in the case of the Porto Rican woman, Gonzales, who, in 1902, was refused admission to the port of New York on the ground that she was likely to become a public charge. The decision was based entirely on the immigration act of 1891 and took the ground that the Porto Ricans owe allegiance to the United States and to no other government.

On Wednesday afternoon, December 30, during a matinee performance of "Bluebeard, Jr.," at the Iroquois theater, Chicago, Ill., a fire started on the stage and before the large audience, composed mostly of women and children, could escape, 560 were so burned as to cause their death, and thousands of others sustained terrible injuries. The entire press of the country has since been filled with articles in criticism of the theater management, because of violation of city ordinances in not providing proper protection and taking necessary precaution for the safety of the patrons of the house. Although the theater was equipped with an asbestos curtain and had skylights above the stage, and a large number of exits, the sudden calamity found the curtain so obstructed that it could not be lowered, the skylights fastened from the outside so that they could not be opened, many of the exits locked or screened so that the people were unable to escape and were burned like so many rats in the hold of a doomed ship. Of the members of this society who lost their lives in this fire was Samuel A. Muir, Jr., a member of Camp 87, Peoria, Ill., and his wife, who was with him, also lost her life; Geo. H. Stidley, member of Camp 3252, Chicago, Ill.; Benj. E. Gould, member of Camp 60, Elgin, Ill., and Otto G. Berry, member of Camp 911, Battle Creek, Mich. Neighbor D. L. Sackett, of Elgin, Ill., with his wife and daughter and a lady friend, were in the ill-fated Iroquois theater fire. They were all burned, but fortunately managed to escape.

Items of Interest.

The Koreans use neither bedsteads nor chairs.

Men have a more acute sense of smell than women.

London billboards are covered with American posters.

To crush a half-inch cube of granite requires a weight of eleven tons.

Tibet, "the roof of the world," is a tableland three times as large as France.

The Jews are the only immigrants who, as a rule, bring their women with them.

The first daily paper in America was printed at Williamsburg, Va., in 1780, at $50 a year.

While Europe has 170 people to the square mile, Asia has but 58, Africa 11 and Australia 1½.

New York banks pay out in interest and dividends every quarter not far from 130 million dollars.

A Swiss scientist declares that microbes do not exist in mountain air at an altitude of over 2,000 feet.

The average man will die for want of air in five minutes; for want of water in a week; for want of sleep in 10 days.

A phonograph that shouts so loudly that every word can be heard at a distance of ten miles has been tested at Brighton.

The greatest size to which a horse has been known to grow was 20½ hands. He was a Clydesdale, and was exhibited in 1889.

The United States and Great Britain together handle more letters and periodicals than all the rest of the world put together.

Forty thousand birds, mostly sand-pipers, are reported to have been killed recently on the North Carolina coast for milinery purposes.

On a summit of the Gorner Grat, in the Alps, 9,400 feet in height, a hotel has been erected with accommodation for twenty persons.

The most valuable medal in existence is the Blake victory medal, struck in 1683. It is of gold, oval in shape, and its original cost was $1,500.

Round trip tickets from London or Paris to Pekin by rail and return by ship, with stopover privilege at any port, are now on sale for $204.

When rats and mice are imprisoned in a revolving cage they prefer to exercise themselves for twelve hours during the night and rest during the day.

King Victor Emmanuel of Italy is nearly always well-heeled. The heels on his shoes are about two inches high. He is only five feet three inches in height.

In the sandy deserts of Arabia whirling winds sometimes excavate pits 200 feet in depth, extending down to the harder stratum on which the great bed of sand rests.

The United Moderns, of Denver, and the Grand Fraternity, of Philadelphia, have consolidated under the name of "The Grand Fraternity." This is a wise movement and one many struggling little societies would do well to emulate.

Some jolly picnickers near Montaubon, France, after enjoying their dinner beside a haystack, rambled off, leaving an empty ginger beer bottle standing near it. The sun's rays became focused through the glass and set the stack alight. It was burned to the ground.

So effective is the life saving service of the United States that from disasters to 246 documented vessels on our coast during last year, having 3,862 persons on board, only twenty lives were lost, and of $9,000,000 worth of property put in jeopardy, a little more than $1,000,000 was lost.

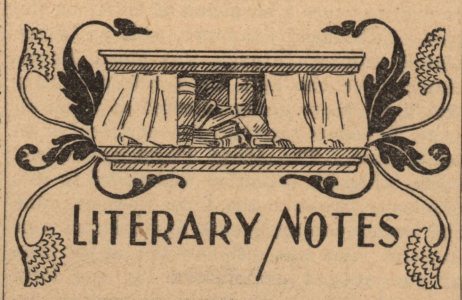
The Giant Oaks, a fraternal beneficiary society of St. Joseph, Mo., which had a membership of 4,000, has consolidated with the American Guild, of Richmond, Va., which has about 16,000 members. Under the terms of the amalgamation Giant Oak members pay their old rates and have certificates paid under terms of their old contract, which was an "expectancy scheme" plan. The consolidation will be a good thing for both societies.

The most brilliant record for carrier-pigeons is that of one which went from Bayonne to Antwerp in ten hours and thirty-nine minutes, or at a mean speed of fifty-eight miles an hour. This record, which is absolutely authentic, has never been equaled anywhere. The highest speeds attained have sometimes reached sixty-eight miles an hour, or in rare cases seventy-five miles; but always for distances less than 125 miles, and in favorable atmospheric circumstances.

Old Friends.

Make new friends, but keep the old,
Those are silver, these are gold,
New-made friends, like new-made wine,
Age will mellow and refine.
Friendships that have stood the test,
Time and change, are surely best.
Brow may wrinkle, hair turn gray,
Friendship never owns decay;
For 'mid old friends, kind and true,
We once more our youth renew.
But alas! old friends must die—
New friends must their place supply.
Then hold friendship in your breast,
New is good, but old is best.
Make new friends, but keep the old,
Those are silver, these are gold.

—Selected.



"An Afternoon with Joseph Jefferson" is the title of an interesting article by Henry H. Lewis in the January Woman's Home Companion. The Companion for February now on the news-stands is an interesting number.

Each year one of the most convenient desk calendars we receive is the Pope Bicycle Memorandum calendar sent by the Pope Manufacturing Company, Hartford, Conn. Any of our readers can obtain it by sending five two-cent stamps.

The American Boy for January contains five complete short stories and a mass of other articles touching upon almost every subject of interest to a boy. The subscription price is $1 a year. Orders may be sent to the Sprague Publishing Company, Detroit, Mich.

The stories by few writers are read with more interest, pleasure and profit than those from the pen of Cyrus Townsend Brady. In March Pearson's are to be commenced a series of eight papers by him entitled "Indian Fights and Fighters." This is the most magnificent history of the hostile frontier of the United States, covering the period from 1869 to 1903, ever offered to the reading public. Pearson's is one of the most popular of the magazines; only $1 a year.

One of the signs pictured in Julian King Colford's "The Signs of Old London" in the January St. Nicholas has peculiar interest for all Americans. What is called "The Crown and Three Sugar Loaves" was the sign of the historic house which exported to America the celebrated chests of tea that went into Boston Harbor in December, 1773, the first overt act of rebellion in the Revolution. While the contest gave America her independence and set aside the rule of George III, it did not overthrown the business of the oldest tea house in Great Britain. The business is carried on today in the same old place as in Revolutionary times. Its sign—the sign of "The Crown and Three Sugar Loaves"—has survived the stress of age and storm and fire. The Great Fire of London swept within half a block of the shop, but the old sign itself reigns today.

Book Notes.

The neatest book which comes to our desk this month is the Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin, handsomely printed and bound in cloth and gold. It is a most valued edition and one which the editor will greatly prize. It is from the Lakeside Press of R. R. Donnelly Sons & Co., Chicago, Ill.

Since Mark Twain wrote of steamboat life on the Mississippi, this dramatic field has been neglected. Its opportunities have been perceived by Mr. G. W. Ogden, whose short stories of steamboat racing and other features of river life have proved so popular, and he has just completed a novel entitled "Tennessee Todd," which is published by A. S. Barnes & Co.

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Galdos's Dona Perfecta. Edited by Edwin Seelye Lewis, Ph.D., Professor of Romance Languages at Princeton University. Cloth, 12mo, 377 pages. Price, $1.

Chateaubriand's Les Aventures du Dernier Abencerage. Edited by James D. Bruner. Ph. D., Associate Professor in the University of North Carolina. Cloth, 12mo, 96 pages. Price, 30 cents.

Merimee's Colomba. Edited by Hiram Parker Williamson, of the University of Chicago. Cloth, 12mo, 220 pages. Price, 40 cents.

Fifty Fables by La Fontaine. Edited by Kenneth McKenzie, Instructor in Romance Languages in Yale University. Cloth, 12mo, 127 pages. Price, 40 cents.

Coleman's Physical Laboratory Manual. By S. E. Coleman, Head of the Science Department, Oakland, Cal., High School. Cloth, 12mo, with illustrations. 234 pages. Price, 60 cents.

Syms's Easy First French Reader. By L. C. Symns, Author of "First, Second and Third Years in French," DeWitt Clinton High School, New York City. Cloth, 12mo, 195 pages. Price, 50 cents.

Hall's Homeric Stories. For Young Readers. By Frederic Aldin Hall, Litt. D., Professor of Greek in Washington University, St. Louis. Cloth, 12mo, 200 pages. Illustrated. Price, 40 cents.

Alarcon's el Nino de la Bola. Edited by Rudolph Schwill, Instructor in Spanish in Yale University. Cloth, 12mo, 278 pages. Price, 90 cents.

Fouque's Undine. Edited by J. Henry Senger, Ph.D., Associate Professor of German in the University of California. Cloth, 12mo, 174 pages. Price, 50 cents.

Dodge's General Zoology—Practical, systematic and comparative. By C. Wright Dodge, M. S., Professor of Biology in the University of Rochester. Cloth, 12mo, 512 pp., with illustrations. Price, $1.80.

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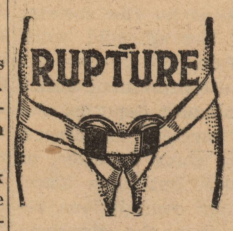

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From every walk of life,
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Chorus: Forsake her, oh never!
Abide, boys, abide!
Woodmen foverer,
Stand by her side,
There in loyal bands of Neighbors—
All as one are we,
Under the wondrous shield of Woodcraft.

They now number many thousands,
And thousands more will come;
Under the wondrous shield of Woodcraft.
There is light and life and joy, and
Protection to the home,
Under the wondrous shield of Woodcraft.
—Chorus.

When conventions do assemble,
The great and small are there,
Under the wondrous shield of Woodcraft.
One vote only to the "big" ones,
The humblest equal share,
Under the wondrous shield of Woodcraft.
—Chorus.

Working hand in hand as brothers
In nineteen-hundred-five,
Under the wondrous shield of Woodcraft,
We will show the world this marvel—
"A Million all alive,"
Under the wondrous shield of Woodcraft.
—Chorus.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Full report of the proceedings of the acts of the Board of Directors, Modern Woodmen of America, at their regular December, 1903, session, which commenced at the Head Office in Rock Island, Ill., Monday, December 14, 1903, and adjourned December 18.

Present: Directors E. E. Murphy, chairman, presiding; Geo. W. Reilly, C. J. Byrns, R. R. Smith, C. G. Saunders.

The Head Clerk submitted statement showing aggregate amount to the credit of the benefit and general funds of this society, November 30, 1903, on deposit in the several authorized depositories on said date under distribution made thereto by Head Banker A. N. Bort, and showing the amount in each, the total amounting to $1,392,001.88 in the benefit fund and $462,974.64 in the general fund, a total in both funds of $1,854,976.52.

The Head Clerk submitted report for the information of the Board of Directors, showing appointment of special auditors with work they had done, which, being considered, was accepted by the Board and directed filed.

On motion, subscription for 105 copies of the Fraternal Monitor, year 1904, was authorized and the Head Clerk directed to furnish a revised subscription list, including the names and addresses of state and city supervising deputy head consuls, Head Physicians, and other officers of the management, and that an order for $63 in full settlement thereof be issued.

Head Clerk Hawes brought to the attention of the Board the action taken by the Executive Council in recommending that bond of this society with the National Surety Co., covering the local camp clerks and bankers, be drawn to cover twenty-five months, beginning January 1, 1904, and ending February 1, 1906. On motion, the recommendation of the Executiv Council is concurred in and General Attorney Smith requested to formulate such bond, embodying therein the terms and conditions agreed upon in executive session, and that the chairman of this Board be directed to execute same in the name of this society.

Director Saunders made verbal report upon rebate claim which had heretofore been referred to him of Edward E. Hauk, clerk of Camp 87, of Peoria, Ill., for $167.75, recommending that said claim be allowed and paid. On motion, the Head Clerk is authorized and directed to issue an order on the general fund of the society in payment of said claim.

The Head Clerk submitted proposition by Neighbor Abb Landis to supply his Criterion Chart for use of the field workers of the society at prices as follows: Leather bound, 35 cents per copy; manilla paper bound, 15 cents per copy.

On motion, the Head Clerk was directed to place an order with Neighbor Landis for 1,500 leather bound, and 1,000 copies bound in paper, at prices quoted.

The following listed mortuary claims, heretofore referred to the officer indicated, were verbally reported on. In each instance the report is made that a thorough investigation has been had, and the recommendation is made that each of said claims so referred and now reported upon be allowed and ordered paid. On motion, the recommendations so made are unanimously concurred in, and the Head Clerk is instructed to issue orders upon the benefit fund of the society in full payment of each and all of said claims in the regular course of business, viz.: (This list of names appeared in the list in assessment notice published in January issue of official paper.—Editor.)

Proofs in claims on death of the following listed Neighbors having been reviewed and considered by the Board of Directors, on motion, each and all of said claims are rejected, and all liability of the society under benefit certificates issued to said Neighbors, is denied, viz.: This list of names was published in the assessment notice which appeared in the January issue of the official paper.—Editor.)

The following listed mortuary claims, proofs in which have been filed with the Head Clerk since the adjournment of the November, 1903, session and submitted to the Board during its present session, having been carefully examined and found to be defective in material points, suggesting further inquiry, are, on motion, referred to the officer indicated with the request that he investigate as to the liability of the society and report to a subsequent session of the Board of Directors, viz.:

Camp.	Name.	Location.
*6682	Gust Pinzke	Calumet, Ia.
* 4	William Robb	Streator, Ill.
†2216	Joseph W. Kohout	West Bend, Wis.
†6640	Lewis H. Bradley	Memphis, Mich.
‡2290	William E. Duty	Kahoka, Mo.
§1916	Geo. W. Keneipp	Mt. Carmel, Ill.
‖6263	Jim Bremner	Thurman, Wis.
*2010	Gus Rood	Nehawka, Neb.
§2664	Robt. J. Schneider	Grandview, Ill.
§1321	John A. Miller	St. Anne, Ill.
§ 998	Thomas Troy	Tremont, Ill.
§2026	Mark B. Amlong	LeRoy, Ill.
§1087	Ferdinand Bachman	Danvers, Ill.
§4931	John S. Smith	Bloomington, Ill.
*6345	John J. DeHan	Seattle, Wash.
§1021	Solomon D. Myers	Bloomington, Ill.
‖5537	John Drake	Orting, Wash.
‖ 606	Louis W. Leach	Kingman, Kan.
§ 536	Charles B. Jarvis	Topeka, Kans.
* 526	J. B. Cadwallader	Olin, Ia.
§ 788	Geo. N. Carroll	Plymouth, Ill.
*5563	John P. Hoffman	Indianapolis, Ind.

*Referred to Director Saunders.
†Referred to Director Byrns.
‡Referred to Director Smith.
§Referred to Director Reilly.
‖Referred to Director Murphy.

Camp 8631, Windsor, Wis., which was rejected by the Board at its November, 1903, session, asking the reconsideration and allowance of the claim.

On motion, action in the case was deferred for one month.

Director Reilly made verbal report in the matter of claim on death of late Jacob Young, of Camp 412, White Hall, Ill., recommending that claim presented in behalf of Florence E. Young, wife, under certificate held by said Young, be compromised and allowed at $600, and that claim in favor of Elizabeth Young, mother, under this certificate for the sum of $1,000 be allowed in full.

On motion, the recommendations of Director Reilly were concurred in and the claim allowed in accordance with said recommendations. The Head Clerk was directed to issue an order on the benefit fund in the sum of $600, payable to Florence E. Young, wife, and an order on the benefit fund in the sum of $1,000, in favor of Elizabeth Young, mother, in full settlement and satisfaction of said claim.

Director Byrns introduced the following resolutions, which, upon his motion, are unanimously adopted:

ENDORSE OUR SOCIETY.

S. FRIEDMAN,
Rabbi Jewish Synagogue, of Harrisburg, Pa., and a member of our society.

HON. JOHN T. HULL,
Congressman from Iowa and member of U. S. Grant Camp, of Des Moines.

General Attorney Smith appeared before the Board of Directors and made verbal report in the following death claims, which had been heretofore referred to him, and the recommendations of the General Attorney and action of the Board thereon are shown in the report, viz.:

In the claim on death of late Neighbor Edward P. Jorgenson, Camp 7063, Eldred, Minn., recommendation was made to settle for $600.

On motion, this claim was reconsidered and allowed in the sum of $600, and the Head Clerk directed to issue an order for the said amount on the benefit fund in full settlement thereof.

In the claim of death of Charles H. Andrea, Melbourne, Mo., for $1,000, it was recommended that the claim be reconsidered and allowed, the Kansas City court of appeals having decided in favor of the plaintiff.

On motion, the claim was reconsidered and allowed in the sum of $1,000, and General Attorney Smith instructed to prepare vouchers covering expenses in the case and submit same for approval by the Board of Directors.

In the matter of the claim on the death of late Neighbor John T. Reading, Camp 4870, Louisiana, Mo., which claim was rejected by the Board of Directors at its May, 1903, session, it was recommended that same be reconsidered and compromised for $862.50, and costs of $36.80.

On motion, the recommendations of the General Attorney were concurred in and claim on death of said Reading reconsidered and allowed in the sum of $862.50. The Head Clerk was directed to issue an order on the benefit fund for the amount and an order on the general fund for $36.80, covering costs in full settlement of the claim.

In the matter of claim of the death of late Neighbor Petro S. Lund, Camp 7327, Cedar Rapids, Ia., the General Attorney reported proposition to settle for $35 and costs, amounting to $8.65.

On motion, the recommendation of the General Attorney was concurred in and claim on death of said Lund was reconsidered and allowed in the sum of $35. The Head Clerk was directed to issue an order on the benefit fund for $35 and an order on the general fund for $8.65, in full settlement of this claim and accrued court costs.

In the matter of the claim on the death of late Neighbor Charles Johnson, a proposition had been received to compromise and settle the claim for $500, and recommendation was made that this proposition be accepted.

On motion, the recommendations of the General Attorney were concurred in and the claim reconsidered and allowed in the sum of $500. The Head Clerk was directed to issue an order on the benefit fund in the sum of $500 in full settlement of the claim.

In the matter of the claim on the death of late Neighbor Samuel S. Doyle, Camp 4912, Platte City, Mo., recommendation was made that the action of the Board at its January, 1903, session rejecting this claim be reconsidered and the claim compromised and allowed in the sum of $1,750.

On motion, the recommendation of the General Attorney was concurred in, the claim was reconsiderd and allowed in the sum of $1,750, and the Head Clerk directed to issue an order on the benefit fund for this amount in full settlement of said claim.

In the matter of claim on death of late Neighbor John A. Dougherty, Camp 2099, Shelbina, Mo., it was recommended that proposition of the claimants to settle the case for $1,114.50 be accepted.

On motion, the recommendation of the General Attorney was concurred in and claim on death of said John A. Dougherty reconsidered and allowed in the sum of $1,114.50. The Head Clerk was directed to issue an order on the benefit fund for $1,114.50 in full settlement of said claim.

General Attorney Smith presented to the Board, Attorney Richard F. Hamilton, of Madison, Wis,. who made oral argument concerning claim on death of Warren T. Coolidge,

Whereas, The Board of Directors, Modern Woodmen of America, has investigated the following listed benefit claims, and has satisfied itself that said claims, and each and all of them, are legal liabilities against the society, and it appearing that the balance to the credit of the benefit fund on this date is $1,295,916.35, with $370,448.70 estimated to be due and receivable under call for assessment No. 11, series 1903, bearing date December 1, 1903, a total of $1,666,365.05, available to pay mortuary claims of this society and provide for contingent liabilities; and

Whereas, The claims approved, allowed and ordered paid at this meeting of the Board of Directors amount to $474,262, with claims heretofore allowed and remaining unpaid of $35,128.55, and contingent claims amounting to $257,500, a present aggregate liability of $766,890.55; that from the present condition of said fund it is the judgment of the Board of Directors that an assessment should be levied: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That assessment No. 196, for the month of January, 1904, be, and the same is hereby, levied upon the beneficiary membership of the society in good standing to pay benefits upon the certificates of the deceased beneficial members whose deaths occurred while in good standing; that the Head Clerk prepare a notice of the levy of this assessment and cause same to be published in the Modern Woodman, the official paper of this society, January, 1904, number thereof; and be it further

Resolved, That the Head Clerk be, and he is hereby, directed to notify the clerk of every local camp to forward to this office the deposit to the benefit fund, being moneys paid under the levy of assessment No. 12, for December, 1903, with arrearages from members reinstated; and be it further

Resolved, That the Head Clerk be, and he is hereby, directed to draw orders upon the benefit fund in payment of the following listed claims, hereby allowed, as rapidly as the condition of said fund will warrant, viz.: (This list was published in the assessment notice in the January Woodman.—Editor.)

General Attorney White made verbal report in the matter of claim on the death of late Neighbor John C. Fortress, of Camp 2387, St. Johns, Mich., recommending that this claim be compromised and allowed in the sum of $650.

On motion, the recommendation of the General Attorney was concurred in and the Head Clerk directed to issue an order on the benefit fund in the sum of $650 in full settlement of said claim.

Verbal report was made by General Attorney White in claim on death of late Neighbor Charles A. Green, of Camp 4611, Bernadotte, Ill., recommending that action taken by the Board at its March, 1901, session, rejecting this claim, be reconsidered and that the claim be compromised and allowed in the sum of $150.

On motion, the recommendation of the General Attorney was concurred in, the claim reconsidered and allowed in the sum of $150, and the Head Clerk directed to issue an order on the benefit fund for this amount in full settlement of said claim.

Director Smith introduced the following resolution, and on his motion, the same is unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Board of Directors has investigated the following listed claims, and having satisfied itself that said claims, and each and all of them, are lawful charges upon the general fund of the society,

Resolved, That same be, and they are hereby, allowed; that the Head Clerk be, and he is hereby, instructed to issue orders on the Head Banker, to be paid from the society's general fund, viz.:

HEAD CONSUL'S OFFICE.

A. R. Talbot, salary	$416 66
A. R. Talbot, traveling expense	95 78
A. R. Talbot, office expense	52 89
Employes' pay-roll	968 14
E. R. Sizer, P. M.	102 60
Faulkner & Sharp	73 00
T. A. H. Andrews Co.	7 30
Western Union Telegraph Co.	10 04
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	6 68
S. V. Sanger & Co.	3 00
Omaha Printing Co.	6 50
G. A. Crancer Co.	3 25
Lincoln Linen Supply Co.	2 00
Samuel Hall	7 00
George Bros.	93 85
Pacific Express Co.	11 73
Nebraska Telephone Co.	7 70
Past Head Consul, office expense	18 60
	$1,886 72

GENERAL ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

Benj. D. Smith, salary	$375 00
J. W. White, salary	375 00
Employes' pay-roll	6 00
Western Union Telegraph Co.	27 06
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	86
T. H. Thomas, P. M.	16 80
Truman Plantz	90 00
E. R. Maloney	85 00
J. Earle Brown	7 66
Lombard & Hext	2 15
J. W. White	74 85
G. H. Davis	156 50
I. J. Vogelgesang	163 32
Clerk Louisiana Court Common Pleas (Mo.)	36 70
Ellis, Cook & Ellis	53 55
F. M. McDavid	69 70
L. F. McCoy	1 25
Insurance Department, Missouri	1 40
Insurance Superintendent, Illinois	1 00
R. M. Tunnell	63 88
John Sullivan	10 00
Grimm, Trewin & Moffit	8 65
E. E. Campbell	53 10
John L. Wheeler	34 60
Thos. S. Allen	33 35
Benj. D. Smith, expense	137 09
	$1,884 47

HEAD BANKER'S OFFICE.

A. N. Bort, salary, office and traveling expense	$393 01

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
(Mileage, per diem and expense.)

C. G. Saunders	$380 68
E. E. Murphy	485 05
R. R. Smith	465 75
Geo. W. Reilly	432 75
C. J. Byrns	425 76
Western Union Telegraph Co.	1 97
Egbert, Fidlar & Chambers	45
T. H. Thomas, P. M.	10 80
E. R. Maloney	40 00
	$2,243 21

POSTAGE.

T. H. Thomas, P. M.	$2,837 05
C. W. Hawes (special stamp fund)	251 45
J. F. Munger	10 03
	$3,098 53

SALARY EDITOR.

F. O. VanGalder	$300 00

LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

Reed-Adams Co.	$3 00

GENERAL EXPENSE.

Employes' pay-roll	$252 65
American Press Clipping Bureau	4 00
Consolidated Press Clipping Co.	5 00
John Sullivan	194 75
Walter A. Gardner	63 80
People's Power Co.	23 15
Western Union Telegraph Co.	6 85
Central Union Telephone Co.	15 25
Chas. Ullemeyer	7 60
John B. Treibler, Jr.	5 00
E. C. Schwartz	30 30
Kerler Bros.	1 44
Empire Coal & Coke Co.	131 89
W. S. Palmer	5 00
E. M. Weil	10 00
W. A. Robb & Co.	10 04
F. M. McDavid	36 70
Dr. J. B. Thomas	1 00
Bradner Smith & Co.	104 26
Kramer & Co.	12 00
Pioneer Press Co.	171 73
Dwight Bros. Paper Co.	156 37
Tri-City Lithographing & Printing Co.	61 95
Burgess & Wray Paper Co.	169 01
W. D. Messinger & Co.	57 56
Kerker Paper Box Factory	29 44
J. W. Franks & Sons	68 74
Reid & Mohr	38 00
Barnes-Crosby Co.	8 10
J. W. Houder	21 45
The Fraternal Monitor	63 00
Young & McCombs	2 27
J. W. Stewart	11 15
Moline Engraving Co.	2 81
T. H. Thomas, P. M.	645 00
The Osborne-Skelley Co.	4 15
Egbert, Fidlar & Chambers	410 85
The Missouri Woodman	5 00
E. F. Rogers	50 00
Truman Plantz	101 00
F. H. Cummings	106 91
Whiting Paper Co.	130 54
H. F. Bross	20 00
D. C. Tillotson	84 97
C. D. Elliott	15 00
J. Manz Engraving Co.	12 30
Herman Long	41 16
Fred M. Burt	73 31
F. R. Korns	30 50
Geo. W. Clarke	43 95
R. M. Tunnell	186 45
Jno. D. Denison, Jr.	43 22
F. O. VanGalder	53 15
Dr. F. A. Smith	107 20
J. F. Munger	51 75
Adams Express Co.	18 97
American Express Co.	45 69
U. S. Express Co.	47 46
J. F. Tenney Co.	1 36
A. S. Greene	60 34
Harry A. Monroe	43 74
Edw. E. Hauk	174 70
Wm. Cayo	24 60
John Nisen	1 50
C. W. Schutze	16 60
F. A. Hammond	85
Wm. J. Schoewe	10 40
J. L. Carlisle	25 00
F. M. Tracy	49 00
H. C. Reed	5 00
Park H. Cook	22 50

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J. L. Thomas	55
D. Thomas	70
M. Thomas	1 30
Geo. W. Reilly	119 30
C. J. Byrns	59 85
R. F. Niles	2 50
R. S. Clark	11 50
R. O. Lee	3 30
E. G. Navarre	17 35
I. T. Rich	4 00
Elijah Barton	47 20
I. J. Vogelgesang	170 50
Geo. W. Miller	30 00
W. T. Mornes	30 00
	$5,044 43

HEAD CLERK'S OFFICE.

C. W. Hawes, salary	$375 00
Employes' pay-roll	7,527 35
Joseph Moorehead	5 00
Mrs. S. O'Connor	4 42
The Oliver Typewriter Agency	2 05
People's Power Co.	41 24
Western Union Telegraph Co.	8 52
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	5 14
Central Union Telephone Co.	30 50
W. T. Copeland	75 00
Blymyer Bros.	42 90
National Seal & Stamp Works	2 00
Egbert, Fidlar & Chambers	23 75
J. F. Munger	2 38
	$8,145 25

EXPENSE HEAD CAMP.

Jno. H. Mitchell (Foresters)	$236 79
The Whitehead & Hoag Co.	215 11
Egbert, Fidlar & Chambers	442 80
M. W. Saxon (Foresters)	61 00
	$955 70

LITIGATION.

Truman Plantz	$36 25
E. R. Maloney	49 05
Jno. H. Belles	10 12
Harry Tuthill	10 12
Geo. Isherwood	39 50
Florence M. Welty	24 00
J. Earle Brown	75 00
Lombard & Hext	67 50
R. M. Tunnell	14 70
Thomas & Hays	50 00
John Sullivan	110 00
Grimm, Trewin & Moffit	100 00
E. E. Campbell	140 00
John L. Wheeler	75 00
Thos. S. Allen	35 00
	$836 24

MAILING LIST AND OFFICIAL PAPER.

Employes' pay-roll	$781 00
People's Power Co.	36 63
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	7 46
Bradner Smith & Co.	24 19
Champlin & Smith	74 11
Mergenthaler Linotype Co.	3 91
Sutherland-Seaward Supply Co.	1 23
State Journal Co.	4,796 16
T. H. Thomas, P. M.	26 60
F. O. VanGalder, expense	37 35
J. F. Munger	9 50
	$5,798 14

SUPREME MEDICAL DIRECTORS.

Dr. E. L. Kerns, salary	$350 00
Dr. F. A. Smith, salary	350 00
Dr. B. E. Jones, salary	350 00
Employes' pay-roll	159 18
Employes' pay-roll (printing)	19 35
Western Union Telegraph Co.	85
T. H. Thomas, P. M.	94 45
Tri-City Electric Co.	9 34
	$1,333 17

EXPENSE HEAD PHYSICIANS.

Employes' pay-roll	$13 35
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	75
Dr. M. B. Milan	84
Dr. F. W. Bassett	2 38
Dr. W. A. Sprenger	3 90
Dr. J. A. Rutledge	30 97
Dr. Thos. T. Mooney	8 20
Dr. C. T. Taylor	2 53
Dr. F. W. Martin	9 36
Dr. J. H. Conway	66
Dr. Jno. R. Boyd	16 50
Dr. J. H. Judkins	3 62
Dr. Chas. F. Goodell	1 44
Dr. Chas. A. Armstrong	8 44
Dr. O. I. Bemis	1 96
Dr. H. A. Saunders	5 20
Dr. Jno. W. Sifton	2 58
Dr. W. A. Adair	1 94
Dr. Jno. L. Houseworth	9 46
Dr. J. W. Moffett	4 48
Dr. W. T. Grove	10 81
Dr. Samuel F. Hassler	10 75
Dr. Frank A. Greedy	4 19
Dr. Thos. Lowe	7 25
Dr. J. W. Frizzell	3 79
Dr. Z. C. Wolfe	18 83
Dr. Edw. S. Blair	5 60
Dr. J. W. Lauder	9 82
Dr. Don C. Hughes	9 96
Dr. H. W. Subera	2 29
Dr. Edwin P. Pitman	1 87
Moline Engraving Co.	3 23
Egbert, Fidlar & Chambers	75
Dr. J. W. Lauder	8 00
	$225 70

FURNITURE.

Rock Island Stair Works	$34 45
The Globe-Wernicke Co.	67 25
Remington Typewriter Co.	116 25
Rockwell-Wabash Co.	45
Latham Machinery Co.	396 10
	$614 50

SUPPLIES.

Employes' pay-roll	$269 50
Bradner Smith & Co.	101 85
Moser Paper Co.	500 29
Dwight Bros. Paper Co.	537 45
J. W. Butler Paper Co.	40 16
J. W. Franks & Sons	150 00
American Typefounders Co.	19 69
Inland Type Foundry	6 97
Drake Furniture Co.	7 50
Champlin & Smith	22 13
Jessie Olmsted	45 34
National Seal & Stamp Works	118 80
Ward & Stilson	21 60
Hartz & Bahnsen	6 75
Thornton Bros.	71 30
Geo. E. Darling	197 46
H. Rosenblatt & Sons	196 89
Tri-City Regalia Co.	256 57
Rock Island Seal & Stamp Works	10 25
Henry Ottman	261 16
John Gately Co.	166 85
Reid & Witter	26 00
The Whitehead & Hoag Co.	86 70
Moline Engraving Co.	5 26
T. H. Thomas, P. M.	206 10
Egbert, Fidlar & Chambers	861 85
Whiting Paper Co.	34 85
J. Manz Engraving Co.	25 25
J. F. Munger	67 55
Adams Express Co.	88 45
American Express Co.	196 12
U. S. Express Co.	166 14
G. F. Foster, Son & Co.	43 06
	$4,815 84

BUILDING ACCOUNT.

The Rock Island Argus	$29 40
Rock Island Fuel Co.	10 00
Leonard Drack, architect	1,000 00
	$1,039 40

OCCUPATION REBATE.

T. J. Vanderstay	$6 70
Chas. E. Cline	4 75
Julius Mottaz	50
J. A. Marra	95
W. Groffe	1 30
John P. Bartos	5 70
M. H. Farrell	6 30
H. A. Shoberg	1 30
D. Parsley	4 00
L. W. Gohr	40
	$31 90

FRATERNAL CONGRESS.

M. W. Sackett	$45 00
Carlos N. Hardy	10 00
	$55 00

REVISION RECORD.

Employes' pay-roll	$2,051 80
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	11 13
	$2,062 93

FIELD WORK.

Employes' pay-roll	$312 35
Western Union Telegraph Co.	11 48
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	4 76
Dwight Paper Co.	837 94
Tri-City Lithograph Co.	159 60
Graham Paper Co.	58 20
J. W. Franks & Sons	669 15
Moline Engraving Co.	7 58
W. A. Northcott (Statistics)	300 00
Schmit Bros. Trunk Co.	116 00
St. Louis Paper Co.	63 70
Egbert, Fidlar & Chambers	29 60
T. H. Thomas, P. M.	368 20
J. Manz Engraving Co.	386 01
Adams Express Co.	110 68
American Express Co.	165 07
U. S. Express Co.	143 62
Deputies, lecturers and expense	21,780 28
	$25,544 22
Total	$66,311 36

Head Consul Talbot appeared before the Board and called attention to the fact that new prize banners are required for District of Columbia, Kentucky, Virginia and Arizona, admitted to the society's jurisdiction at the session of the Head Camp held at Indianapolis, Ind., June, 1903, and that the Executive Council recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the Head Consul to purchase four prize banners. On motion, the Head Consul is directed to place an order for prize banners required.

On motion, the Head Clerk is authorized and directed to cancel general fund order No. 28332, issued May 18, 1903, in amount $63.23, in favor of R. V. Wilcox, Hill City, Kan., and to issue a duplicate thereof, it appearing that the original order has been lost or destroyed and has not been presented to the Head Banker for payment.

General Attorney Smith submitted the following report, which, on motion, was accepted and directed placed on file, and the Head Clerk instructed to deposit the same in the usual manner to the credit of the general fund:

I have to report to your Board the collection through Hon. W. H. Thompson, of Grand Island, Neb., of a final dividend in the matter of the claim of the Modern Woodmen of America against the Bank of Commerce of Grand Island, Neb.

This dividend amounted to $1,485.26. Of this amount Neighbor Thompson remitted to me $1,335.36, having taken from the amount of the dividend his fee of $148.50 and $1.40 exchange.

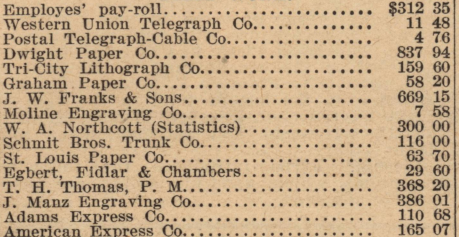
It will be recalled that during the incumbency of Head Banker D. C. Zink that the Bank of Commerce was one of the depositories for the Modern Woodmen of America funds and that it failed, having in its possession on deposit for the Modern Woodmen of America $27,269.33. Claim was filed with the receiver of the said bank and allowed.

Dividends have been collected on this claim, as follows:

June 29, 1901, 15 per cent.	$4,090 39
June 29, 1901, 10 per cent.	2,726 93
July 1, 1901, 10 per cent.	2,726 93
December 3, 1903, 5 per cent.	1,363 45
December 3, 1903, .0045 per cent.	121 81
Total	$11,029 51

Neighbor Thompson advises me that this is the last dividend and that the society can expect no further dividends on this claim. I have turned over to the Head Clerk the draft for the $1,335.36 received from Neighbor Thompson as above stated.

The Board of Directors adjourned to convene in regular monthly session at the Head Office building, Rock Island, Ill., Tuesday, January 12, 1904, at 9 o'clock a. m.



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The following is a synopsis of the official proceedings of the Executive Council of the Modern Woodmen of America at the December, 1903, session, convened in response to call by Head Consul Talbot, in the council chamber, Head Office building, Rock Island, Ill., Tuesday, December 15, 1903, and adjourning December 17. There were present: Head Consul A. R. Talbot, chairman, presiding; Head Clerk C. W. Hawes; Directors E. E. Murphy, Geo. W. Reilly, C. G. Saunders, R. R. Smith, C. J. Byrns.

Head Consul Talbot stated the objects of the session to be the consideration, with the representatives present, of the National Surety Company, of New York, of the terms and conditions of the blanket bond covering the clerks and bankers of the society's local camps, provided for and directed to be entered into by the Head Camp, held at Indianapolis, in June, 1903.

Following discussion participated in by General Attorney Smith, in which an agreement was reached as to the scope and conditions of bond, Director Byrns moved that the Board of Directors be, and it is hereby, advised that, in the judgment of the Executive Council, the proposition of the National Surety Company, to write said bond for twenty-fie months on terms proposed, be accepted, the liability of such bonding company to begin January 1, 1904, and terminate February 1, 1906.

The Head Clerk submitted evidence as to the respective occupation of the following listed Neighbors for the purpose of having an official ruling rendered by the Executive Council as to their status in the society, with respect to their past and present occupations, and the possible forfeiture of benefit certificates issued to said respective Neighbors, on account of their being directly or indirectly identified with the liquor traffic, in violation of the by-laws of this society. Being considered, on motion, said evidence and all of the correspondence had regarding the same is referred to Director Saunders with the request that he make any further investigation necessary and write the decision of the Executive Council relative to the liability of the society under the benefit certificates held by said respective Neighbors:

Camp.	Name.	Location.
10240	P. H. Beauregard	Biddeford, Me.
3127	J. B. Usselman	Fort Wayne, Ind.
797	M. S. Baker	Cedar Rapids, Neb.
797	J. P. Warfield	Cedar Rapids, Neb.
1120	P. P. Day	Kane, Ill.
3319-2018-572-1418	J. E. Burchman	Springfield, Ill.
3682	T. Cullen	Flanagan, Ill.
1903	D. B. Unger	Carroll, Ia.
1669-1104-197	W. C. Wilka	Rock Rapids, Ia.
7807	A. F. Romero	Montecito, Cal.
6489	L. Z. Haire	Punxsutawney, Pa.
6325	C. W. Gardiner	Malta, Mont.
3244	H. Schafer	Francisco, Ind.
5449	D. C. McConnell	Wheatland, Wyo.
3430	D. D. Burns	Graceville, Minn.
570	A. Schultz	Mechanicsburg, Ill.
4727	J. H. Moore	Newark, O.
2886	F. Seefeldt	Andalusia, Ill.
3863	G. W. Canon	Armstrong, Ia.
1466	W. G. Hannan	West Bay City, Mich.
2008	S. L. Clapp	Brady Island, Neb.
9725	G. E. Hudson	Albion, N. Y.
7088	H. H. Roberts	El Reno, Okla.
9073	Emera Nixon	Supply, Okla.
4649	Jas. H. White	Ely, Minn.
5324	B. Allen	Chaffee, Pa.
4757	James Carl	Kansas City, Mo.
5198	J. Learnsbury	Whatcom, Wash.
83	Andrew Ruchtie	Dubuque, Ia.
1128	T. P. Dordan	Ishpeming, Mich.
2842	J. E. Dunn	Sioux City, Ia.

In addition to the foregoing occupation cases the Head Clerk presented for official ruling, as to their status in the society, evidence as to occupation from the following listed Neighbors. The question to be decided in each case is, whether the Neighbor filing said evidence is or has been engaged in an occupation classed as hazardous by the by-laws of this society, contrary to the provisions thereof, and, if so, what the effect is upon certificate issued to the Neighbor who is held to be so engaged. On motion said evidence and all correspondence relative thereto is referred to Director Saunders with the request that he investigate and submit report to the Council as to the status in the society of said Neighbors on account of the occupation engaged by them, as shown by the proofs submitted:

Camp.	Name.	Location.
3226	W. J. Staple	Crystal Falls, Mich.
2436	M. J. Kounter	East Galesburg, Ill.

The Head Clerk submitted also communications, statements or amended applications filed by the following listed Neighbors, with request that same be examined and compared with their original applications, and in correction thereof, with the view of confirming validity of benefit certificates held by each. On motion, said amended applications, and all correspondence had regarding same, are referred to Director Reilly, with the request that he make any further investigation necessary and submit report to the Council as to the status in the society of said Neighbors, so far as affected by misstatements or misrepresentations contained in their original applications:

Camp.	Name.	Location.
1680	M. L. Olds	Ainsworth, Ia.
5321	J. S. Tuthill	Waterloo, Ia.
4213	C. W. Kincaid	Glen Ellyn, Ill.
7980	C. W. Keller	Lookout, Mo.
3568	Wm. Porter	Michigan City, Ind.
1055	L. H. Osterhaus	Grand Haven, Mich.
7841	F. M. Harrison	Chewelah, Wash.
5326	O. B. Mount	Baker City, Ore.
9985	H. L. Reynolds	New Rochelle, N. Y.
8724	J. E. Singleton	Glens Falls, N. Y.
8995	J. M. Spaulding	Coloma, Wis.
9990	F. H. King	Ogden, Utah
11308	J. M. Boland	Vanceburg, Ky.
10051	W. P. Jackson	Chico, Cal.
9773	L. A. McLin	Jasper, Ill
2718	Wm. T. Hull	La Monte, Mo.

The Head Clerk submitted the following appeals and communications for consideration, and all of the several matters having been discussed and further investigation being in some instances deemed advisable, on motion, reference is made to the officer indicated with the request that necessary investigation be made and report thereon at a subsequent session of the Executive Council; matters submitted and decided upon are referred to the officer named with the request that he write the report of the Council and submit same for its approval during the present session of said body:

Appeal by Neighbor Robert T. McCoy from the action of Camp 5269, New Castle, Pa., in declaring Neighbor A. L. Thayer elected clerk at its annual election. Referred to Director Saunders.

Communication from Neighbor O. Hanson, clerk Camp 4629, Tower, Minn., in reference to the case of Neighbor C. D. Murphy, of said camp. Referred to General Attorney Smith.

Communication from W. S. Warriner, clerk Camp 1243, Topeka, Kan., calling attention to the omission from flood relief claims allowed, that of W. T. Morns and W. G. Miller, of said camp, referred to flood relief committee.

Communication from Neighbor J. F. Mattert, clerk Camp 1567, Sibley, Ia., referring to the case of Neighbor Alfred Rusted, of said camp. Referred to Director Murphy.

Head Consul Talbot reported his acceptance of resignation of Dr. E. W. Michener as member board of medical examiners, city of Philadelphia, and, on motion, the action of the Head Consul in accepting said resignation is approved.

On motion the following appointments were made: Dr. Andrew J. Simpson, 2608 Broadway, Cleveland, O., as member of board of medical examiners for said city; Dr. Daniel C. Handley, 36 Garfield Place, Cincinnati, O., as member of board of medical examiners for said city; Dr. C. B. Ensore, South Charles street, Baltimore, Md., as member of board of medical examiners for said city; and Dr. Ralph Emory Peck, Examiner Building, San Francisco, Cal., as member of board of medical examiners for said city.

The Head Consul submitted resignation of J. M. Bradford, as member of board of inspectors for the city of St. Louis. On motion, the resignation was accepted and, on recommendation of Director Smith, H. L. Davenport, 634 Century Building, St. Louis, Mo., was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Head Clerk Hawes asked for a ruling as to the right of the society to insist that an applicant at the date of his application free from hernia should, in answer to question 26 of edition 12, application blank, obligate himself to wear a truss if ruptured subsequent to his acceptance to membership. On motion, the Head Clerk and medical department is advised not to insist upon such agreement on the part of the applicant.

Head Clerk Hawes appeared before the Executive Council and directed attention to the fact that, owing to the ever increasing volume of work connected with the conduct of the business of the Head Office, he felt the need of the hearty co-operation and assistance of each member of the society's management, and suggested that the Executive Council render such assistance by the appointment of committees.

After a full discussion of the matter, on motion by Director Murphy, the following committees were created and appointed for the purpose of facilitating and assisting the Head Clerk in the conduct of the business of the society:

Committee on Printing and Printing Contracts.—Director Murphy, Head Clerk Hawes and Director Byrns.

Committee on Blanks, Blank Forms, etc.—Director Saunders, Head Clerk Hawes and General Attorney Smith.

Committee on Supplies and Paraphernalia.—Directors Smith, Riley and Saunders.

Committee on Head Office, Pay-Roll, etc.—Directors Byrns and Smith and Head Clerk Hawes.

Committee on Official Paper.—Director Reilly, Editor VanGalder and Director Murphy.

On motion by Director Smith, all committees heretofore appointed, whose duties in any way conflict with the duties of these committees, were discharged and relieved, except the committee heretofore appointed on construction of the annex to Head Office building.

On motion by Director Smith, the revised copy of the ritual, as reported by the committee appointed at the November session, was accepted and referred to the committee on printing with instructions to have as many copies of the same printed as the committee may deem advisable.

Director Reilly, to whom the cases had been previously referred, made verbal report in the matter of the status in the society of the following listed Neighbors:

Camp.	Name.	Location.
1680	M. L. Olds	Ainsworth, Ia.
9773	L. A. McLin	Jasper, Ill.
62	M. O'Brien	Darien, Wis.
1055	L. H. Osterhaus	Grand Haven, Mich.
10051	W. P. Jackson	Chico, Cal.
5326	O. B. Mount	Baker City, Ore.
7841	F. M. Harrison	Chewelah, Wash.
4477	H. R. Joyner	Broken Bow, Neb.
2147	L. B. Coggins	Kirksville, Mo.
8724	J. E. Singleton	Glens Falls, N. Y.
8995	J. N. Spalding	Coloma, Wis.
9990	F. H. King	Ogden, Utah
9985	H. L. Reynolds	New Rochelle, N. Y.
11308	John M. Boland	Vanceburg, Ky.
7980	C. W. Keller	Lookout, Mo.
5321	J. S. Tuthill	Waterloo, Ia.

recommending that benefit certificates held by said Neighbors, as above listed, be declared to be valid, so far as affected by mistatements or misrepresentations contained in their original applications for membership, as disclosed by the proofs submitted. On motion, his report was accepted and adopted as the decision of the Executive Council, and the recommendations therein made concurred in, and the Head Clerk requested to notify the respective Neighbors, and also the clerks of the camps in which said Neighbors hold membership, of this decision.

In the matter of the status in the society of the following listed parties, viz.:

Camp.	Name.	Location.
4213	C. W. Kincaid	Glen Ellyn, Ill.
2718	Wm. T. Hull	La Monte, Mo.
6039	E. J. Dockter	Anaconda, Mont.

Director Reilly, to whom the cases had been referred, made verbal report, recommending that benefit certificates issued to the aforesaid parties, as above listed, be declared to be, and at all times to have been, absolutely null and void, on account of mistatements or misrepresentations contained in their original applications for membership, as disclosed by the proofs submitted. On motion, the report of Director Reilly was accepted and adopted as the decision of the Executive Council, and the recommendations therein made concurred in, and the Head Clerk requested to advise said persons, and the clerks of the respective camps, of this action.

In the matter of the validity of benefit certificate heretofore issued to A. Pettijohn, through Camp 4603, of Barre, N. D., Director Reilly, to whom the case had been referred, made verbal report recommending that said benefit certificate be declared to be, and at all times to have been, absolutely null and void, on account of the holder thereof not having attained the minimum limit of age at time certificate issued. On motion, the report of Director Reilly was accepted and adopted as the decision of the Executive Council, and the recommendations therein made concurred in, and the Head Clerk requested to advise Mr. Pettijohn, and the clerk of Camp 4603, of this action.

Director Saunders, to whom the cases had been referred, made verbal report in the matter of the status in the society of the following listed Neighbors:

Camp.	Name.	Location.
6489	L. Z. Haire	Punxsutawney, Pa.
3319-2018-572-1418	John E. Burchman,	Springfield, Ill.
10240	P. H. Beauregard	Biddeford, Me.

recommending that benefit certificates held by said Neighbors, as above listed, be declared to be valid, so far as affected by their past and present occupations, as disclosed by the proofs submitted. On motion, the report of Director Saunders was accepted and adopted as the decision of the Executive Council, and the recommendations therein made concurred in, and the Head Clerk requested to notify the respective Neighbors, and also the clerks of the camps in which said Neighbors hold membership, of this decision.

In the matter of the validity of the benefit certificate heretofore issued to J. E. Selbee, through Camp 11338, Ashland, Ky., Director Saunders, to whom the case had been referred, made verbal report recommending that said benefit certificate be declared to be, and at all times to have been, absolutely null and void, on account of the holder thereof having been engaged in a hazardous occupation at time of making application and at time of adoption. On motion, the report of Director Saunders was accepted and adopted as the decision of the Executive Council, the recommendations therein made concurred in, and the Head Clerk requested to advise Mr. Selbee, and the clerk of Camp 11338, of this action.

In the matter of the validity of the benefit certificate heretofore issued to G. E. Hudson, through Camp 9725, located at Albion, N. Y., Director Saunders, to whom the case had been referred, made verbal report recommending that said benefit certificate be declared to be, and at all times to have been, absolutely null and void, on account of the holder thereof having been connected with the liquor traffic at the time of making application, and at the time of adoption. On motion, the report of Director Saunders was accepted and adopted as the decision of the Executive Council, the recommendations therein made concurred in,

and the Head Clerk is requested to advise Mr. Hudson, and the clerk of Camp 9725, of this action.

In the matter of the validity of benefit certificate heretofore issued to M. J. Kounter, through Camp 2436, located at East Galesburg, Ill., Director Saunders, to whom the case had been referred, made verbal report, recommending that said benefit certificate be declared to be valid, so far as affected by the past and present occupation of the holder thereof, as disclosed by the proofs submitted. On motion, the report of Director Saunders was accepted and adopted as the decision of the Executive Council, the recommendations therein made concurred in, and the Head Clerk requested to advise Neighbor Kounter, and the clerk of Camp 2436, of this action.

Dr. F. A. Smith, of the Board of Supreme Medical Directors, submitted the following report:

At the November, 1903, session of the Executive Council, on the recommendation of the Supreme Medical Directors, the benefit certificates of Frederick W. Webber, Peter Willis Lawrence, George F. Brandenburgh and Walter S. Harris, who were then members of Camp 11197, Irvington, N. J., were declared void, and action as to the validity of benefit certificates of Henry G. Burkhardt and Francis S. Green, of the same camp, was withheld, pending further investigation as to their physical condition and family history. Prior to the revocation of the benefit certificates of these Neighbors, the attention of the Head Clerk of this society was called to certain irregularities in their medical examinations which required investigation, and he directed State Deputy Albert Schurr to have each of them re-examined by physician, which was done. Their cases were then referred to the Executive Council by the Head Clerk, and, by your honorable body, referred to the Board of Supreme Medical Directors for their opinion of the eligibility of these Neighbors from the facts then presented. The Board of Supreme Medical Directors therefore reviewed each of these cases and made such recommendations to the Executive Council as seemed to be warranted from the information given them. On December 5, two telegrams were received by the Supreme Medical Directors; one from Charles E. Whelan, national lecturer, and the other from Ralph E. Johnson, Supreme Organizer, urgently requesting that one of the Medical Directors visit Irvington, N. J., and investigate the conditions relating to the eligibility for beneficial membership of the above named persons in said camp, whose benefit certificates had been held invalid. I therefore went to Irvington during the second week of December, and re-examined the said persons, and made such other investigations as seemed to be warranted in their respective cases.

I therefore beg to report to you the findings in each of the cases as a result of my visit.

Relative to the case of Peter Willis Lawrence, who held benefit certificate 981,087, I beg to say that his previous application stated that he had suffered from an attack of pneumonia, so recent as to render him ineligible to beneficial membership in this society. In addition to that, there were some features of his family history, as stated in his previous application, which were objectionable. I found upon investigation that the statement in his former application, as to the date of his attack of pneumonia, was in error, he having been ill from that disease over two years ago, and had completely recovered from same. His physical condition was found, upon examination, to be satisfactory and his family history was not faulty to the extent to cause his rejection.

In the case of Frank William Webber, who held benefit certificate 981,089, I beg to say that our recommendation to declare void his benefit certificate, made at the November session of the Executive Council, was based upon the fact that his former application stated that he had had an operation for the removal of the cervical glands. This so often is tubercular in character that the Board of Supreme Medical Directors did not feel warranted in recommending the continuance of his benefit certificate. I however made a re-examination of this Neighbor and carefully investigated the removal of the cervical glands, and his physical condition otherwise, and found that applicant, some twenty-six years ago, had suffered from a case of parotiditis with resulting suppuration. The operation therefore was justifiable, and in no sense was tubercular.

In the case of George F. Brandenburgh, who held benefit certificate 981184, I beg to say that I re-examined him. His former application gave a family history which, on the face of it, rendered him ineligible to beneficial membership in this society, and for that reason the Board of Supreme Medical Directors recommended that his benefit certificate be declared void. The re-examination of this Neighbor, however, and a careful investigation of his family history, removed the objectionable features presented in his former application.

Relative to the case of Walter Scott Harris, who held benefit certificate 980737, our opinion of his ineligibility was rendered because of a bad family history and physical condition, as shown on his application, which was not first-class. While in Irvington I re-examined Neighbor Harris, and secured from the health office in Newark, N. J., the certificate of the cause of death of his mother and brother. I found his family history objectionable, the applicant nearly thirty per cent. over standard weight, and, in some respects, not satisfactory as to physical condition.

In the case of Francis G. Green, who holds benefit certificate 981085, which was referred by your body to the Supreme Medical Directors for further investigation as to family history, I beg to say that I saw this Neighbor and found him in good physical condition. The cause of death of some of his relatives cannot be ascertained, from the fact that they died in England, and he has no way of getting the information. I am of the opinion that the absence of this knowledge does not warrant a cancellation of his benefit certificate.

In the case of Henry G. Burkhardt, whose application was referred to the Board of Supreme Medical Directors by your honorable body, in order to make further investigation as to his physical condition, I beg to say that I was unable to see this gentleman and have no report to make relative to his eligibility at the present time.

On my return from Irvington, I submitted the case of each of these applicants to the Board of Supreme Medical Directors, with all the facts relating thereto, and we are of the opinion that action of the Executive Council upon the cases of Frederick W. Webber, Peter Willis Lawrence and George Frank Brandenburgh should be reconsidered, and I therefore recommend that same be done, and their benefit certificates be declared valid.

In the case of Walter Scott Harris, the Board of Supreme Medical Directors are of the opinion that his physical condition and family history are such as not to warrant a continuance of his benefit certificate, and therefore recommend, if any action be necessary therein, that the decision of the Executive Council at the November, 1903, session be affirmed.

In the case of Francis Stephen Green, which was referred to our Board for further investigation as to his family history, we beg to report that there is nothing to warrant, in our opinion, the cancellation of his benefit certificate, and recommend that it be continued.

The foregoing report being considered, on motion, was accepted, and the recommendations therein made concurred in. Decision rendered by the Executive Council at its November, 1903, session in the cases of Neighbors F. W. Webber, P. W. Lawrence and George F. Brandenburgh is reversed, set aside and held for naught, and benefit certificates held by said Neighbors are declared to be valid, so far as affected by facts disclosed in proofs submitted; and benefit certificate held by Neighbor F. S. Green is declared to be void so far as affected by facts disclosed in proofs submitted in his case; and the decision rendered at November, 1903, session of the Executive Council, declaring benefit certificate held by Neighbor W. S. Harris to be null and void, is affirmed. The Head Clerk was directed to notify parties interested of this decision.

Medical Director Smith submitted the following supplemental report:

Supplementary to my report at the October, 1903, session of the Executive Council, at which time I recommended that the certificates of seven members of the camp at Huntington, O., be held valid, and that the certificate of William C. Crile be held in abeyance until he should be examined as to his physical qualifications by the camp physician, I have to say that the said William C. Crile has been examined by Dr. J. B. Thomas, the camp physician, who reports him in good health and physically qualified for beneficial membership in this society. The medical examination blank having been received and examined by me and attached to this application, I therefore recommend that his benefit certificate be declared valid, and in force.

On motion the foregoing report was accepted, and the recommendations therein made concurred in, and benefit certificate held by said William C. Crile declared to be valid, so far as affected by irregularities in original examination, as disclosed by the proofs submitted, and the Head Clerk directed to mail certified copy of this report to the clerk of Camp 11253, and to Neighbor Crile.

Director Smith submitted request by Neighbor C. H. Stokes, of Camp 9758, Lee Center, N. Y., for reconsideration of his case, which was decided at the November, 1903, session, and certificate declared to be void, on account of place of residence, recommending that, in view of the fact that this decision was rendered under a misapprehension of the facts, same be reversed and set aside and held for naught, and that the benefit certificate heretofore issued to Neighbor Stokes be declared to be valid, so far as affected by facts disclosed in proofs submitted. The matter being considered, on motion, recommendations made by Director Smith were concurred in, and the Head Clerk directed to advise parties interested of the decision.

Director Saunders submitted the following report:

The following cases having been assigned to me by the Executive Council for investigation and report as to the facts in each, and for recommendation as to the effect, if any, of the respective past and present occupations of each of the persons hereinafter named upon their status in this society, and upon their respective benefit certificates, I respectfully report that I have carefully examined the evidence submitted in each of said cases and from such evidence the following facts are found to be true, viz.:

That the name of each of such persons, the number of the camp adopting each, the connection of each with the manufacture or sale of malt, spirituous or vinuous liquors as a beverage, designated as "occupation," and the date each entered such occupation is as follows, to-wit:

Name.	Camp No.	Occupation.	Date of Entering Occupation.
D. D. Burns	3430	Saloon-keeper	Aug. 1, 1902.
Jas. E. Dunn	2842	Saloon bartender	About Oct. 1, 1902.
Henry Schafer	3244	Part owner saloon	Oct. 13, 1902.
James Carl	4757	Part owner of hotel bar	Aug. 1, 1903.
D. B. Unger	1903	Saloon bartender	About May 1, 1903.
A. F. Romero	7807	Bartender in saloon	About June 1, 1903.
Wm. G. Hannon	1466	Manager of hotel bar	Aug. 8, 1902.
B. Allen	5324	Part owner of liquor business in which liquor is sold as a beverage	Nov. 13, 1901.
T. P. Dordan	1128	Saloon-keeper	Aug. 15, 1903.
J. H. Moore	4727	Saloon-keeper	May 26, 1902.
W. C. Wilka	197	Saloon-keeper and bartender	About Jan. 9, 1903.
Emera Nixon	9073	Saloon-keeper	Jan. 10, 1903.
H. H. Roberts	7088	Driver of wagon for delivery of beer; servant of brewery	Nov. 20, 1903.
D. C. McConnell	5449	Owner of saloon	About Aug. 15, 1903.
P. P. Day	1120	Saloon bartender	July 4, 1903.
C. W. Gardiner	6325	Saloon-keeper	About Jan., 1900.
A. Schultz	570	Saloon-keeper	Aug. 1, 1903.
J. B. Usselman	3127	Servant of brewing company	April 24, 1900.
Jno. P. Warfield	797	Saloon bartender	About June 1, 1903.
M. S. Baker	797	Saloon bartender	June 1, 1903.
Andrew Ruchte	83	Liquor salesman	Feb. 1, 1903.
F. Seefeldt	2886	Saloon-keeper	About May 1, 1903.
T. Cullen	3682	Saloon-keeper and bartender	June 1, 1903.
A. L. Helton	3296	Selling intoxicating liquors as a beverage	March 1, 1903.

That at the time of joining this society, so far as disclosed by the evidence submitted, each of said persons was engaged in an occupation not classed as prohibited by its by-laws then in force; that each entered upon his occupation, above stated, after joining this society and at a time when such occupation was declared to be prohibited by its by-laws, then in force, and at a time when such by-laws provided and declared that the act of entering upon such occupation should forfeit the holder's benefit certificate in this society. Following numerous prior decisions of this body in similar cases, the conclusion is, that under the by-laws in force at the time each of said persons entered his said respective occupation, each, by so doing, forfeited all rights as a member of this society, both social and beneficial, and the benefit certificate of each became absolutely null and void immediately upon his entering such occupation, and so remains, without any action on the part of the Head Camp, the local camp to which he belonged, or of this society or of any officer thereof. I therefore recommend that each of said persons be declared to have forfeited all rights as a member of this society, both social and beneficial, at the time each, as aforesaid, respectively entered his present occupation; that the said benefit certificate of each be declared to have become absolutely null and void at the time, respectively, each so forfeited his rights as a member, and to so remain; that the Head Clerk be requested to notify each of said persons and the clerk of the camp to which each last belonged, of this decision, and further to notify such clerk to receive no further dues or assessments from such persons.

On motion, the foregoing report was accepted and adopted as the decision of the Executive Council, and the recommendations therein contained concurred in.

Head Clerk Hawes made verbal report in the following cases:

Camp.	Name.	Location.
10108	John H. Laster	Clinton, Okla.
10214	J. H. Milks	Hydro, Okla.

recommending that benefit certificates above listed be declared to be, and at all times to have been, absolutely null and void, on account of misstatements or misrepresentations contained in original application, as disclosed in the proofs submitted. On motion, recommendation was concurred in and adopted as the decision of the Executive Council.

Director Smith made verbal report in the following listed cases:

Camp.	Name.	Location.
9359	Fred T. Ground	Hayward, Mo.
9359	Charles Dunn	Hayward, Mo.

recommending that benefit certificates above listed be declared to be, and at all times to have been, absolutely null and void, on account of misstatements or misrepresentations contained in original application, as disclosed in the proofs submitted. On motion, the recommendation was concurred in and adopted as the decision of the Executive Council.

On motion, General Mitchell was authorized to prepare a short instruction on the formation of battalions, corrections and interpretations of the drill manual, application of the school of the battalion as laid down in the U. S. A. infantry manual. He was also directed to prepare a manual of courtesies and a manual of physical exercises set to music. He was further authorized to get prices on markers to be used in brigade formation and to report the figures to the Executive Council, to call a meeting of the committee, consisting of M. W. Saxon, Captains Bundy and Moorehead, and himself, for one day in Chicago to review this work.

On motion, the Camp of Foresters to be held at St. Louis, in September, 1904, is named "Camp Talbot," in honor of Head Consul Talbot.

Dr. F. A. Smith submitted report of the Supreme Board of Medical Directors for the period from November 15 to December 15, 1903, which, on motion, was approved and directed placed on file.

Head Consul Talbot submitted to the Executive Council request made by board of medical examiners of the city of Chicago to be relieved from expense of maintaining a "down-town" office, as required by provisions of resolution adopted at the July, 1903, session. The matter was fully considered and discussed and, on motion, the request was granted and Director Reilly was directed to go to Chicago and make new arrangements for the convenient examination of applicants.

The resignation of Dr. J. H. Judkins, Head Physician for Vermont, was read by the Head Consul, and, on motion, same was accepted, to take effect upon appointment of a Head Physician to fill the vacancy.

Director Saunders orally presented the facts in the case of Benj. Dyer, of Camp 11308, Vanceburg, Ky., whose examination it is alleged was performed illegally by the soliciting deputy. On motion, Dr. Jones, of the Board of Supreme Medical Examiners, was directed to go to Vanceburg, make an investigation of the matter and a personal examination of Mr. Dyer, and submit his report at the next session of the Executive Council.

Head Consul Talbot requested the Executive Council to express its opinion as to the advisability of continuing the practice of awarding a prize banner to the largest camp in each state on the 31st day of December of each year, suggesting that in the event it is decided to continue, it will be necessary to obtain banners for Kentucky, Virginia, Arizona and District of Columbia, admitted to the jurisdiction at the June, 1903, Head Camp. On motion, it was decided to continue the plan referred to, and the Executive Council recommended that the Board of Directors authorize the Head Consul to procure new banners for the states above named, to be presented January 1, 1905, to the respective camps in said states having the largest number of members on June 31, 1904.

On motion, it was decided that the Modern Woodmen of America apply for membership for the year 1904 in the Maine Auxiliary Fraternal Congress, and State Deputy H. C. Reed, Richmond, Me., was appointed to represent the society at the session to be held in January, 1904.

Director Saunders, to whom the matter had been referred, made verbal report to the effect that evidence secured showed Wm. R. Schupp, Chas. Hill and George A. Curry, applicants for membership in Camp 4632, Lexington, Mo., were not examined by a physician, but by the soliciting deputy, who signed the name of the camp physician to the applications, and recommended that the Head Clerk be instructed to decline to issue benefit certificates on said applications. On motion, the recommendations made by Director Saunders were concurred in and adopted as the decision of the Executive Council.

The Executive Council adjourned December 17, to convene in regular session at the Head Office building, Rock Island, Ill., in January, 1904, on call by the Head Consul.

Supreme Recorder M. W. Sackett has been connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen for the past thirty-one years. He was made supreme recorder in 1879 and for the past twenty-four years has held this position.

Camps Chartered in December, 1903.

Camp No.	Date Charter.	Location.	Members.	D. H. C. Organizing.
11440	Dec. 1	Newport News, Va.	16	H. B. Ball
11441	1	Milwaukee, Wis.	26	F. O. Howlett
11442	1	St. Louis, Mich.	12	R. H. Williams
11443	2	Avery, Okla.	14	Frank Venable
11444	2	Rocky Mount, Va.	16	C. E. Kirkwood
11445	2	Juliaetta, Idaho	11	T. W. Bartley
11446	2	Madisonville, Ky.	15	O. F. Nelson
11447	3	Chicago, Ill.	18	Thos. Shortliff
11448	3	Morganfield, Ky.	13	Geo. R. Little
11449	3	Factoryville, Pa.	18	F. W. Edwards
11450	5	Cincinnati, O.	18	C. S. Monaghan
8541	7	Cottageville, W. Va.	15	A. H. Logan
10528	7	Dayton, Mont.	17	Chris. Wilhelm
11451	7	Moscow, Ky.	15	H. W. LeDuke
11452	8	Ottawa, O.	14	E. L. Putt
11453	8	Fincastle, Va.	18	J. W. Elliott
11454	8	Covington, Va.	15	W. W. Tyree
11455	9	St. Louis, Mo.	27	H. H. Rost
11456	9	Cleveland, O.	16	W. S. Faulkner
9648	10	Conneautville, Pa.	16	W. J. Nichols
11457	10	Victor, Mich.	14	H. C. Smith
11458	10	Blandville, Ky.	16	J. B. Hubler
11459	10	Marydell, Md.	10	S. A. Maddrix
6228	11	Forest Grove, Ore.	21	C. E. Dickey
11460	11	Warpole, O.	14	Wm. C. Kuenzli
11461	11	Mooreland, Okla.	15	H. G. Fulkerson
6343	14	Boone, Neb.	15	J. W. McKissick
11462	14	Phoenix, Ariz.	16	Wm. O'Connor
9512	15	Mount Clare, W. Va.	15	J. H. Nelson
11463	15	Detroit, Mich.	25	E. F. Burns
11464	15	Washington, D. C.	41	J. N. Graff
5152	16	Bellaire, O.	15	C. E. Baker
6109	16	Lorain, O.	16	H. L. Line
10328	16	Bridgeman, Minn.	15	W. A. Raymond
10853	16	Glenburn, N. D.	16	J. W. O'Connell
11465	16	Purcellville, Va.	19	A. H. Tramer
11466	16	Boynton, Ind. Ter.	10	Thos. Blair
11467	16	Chicago, Ill.	25	W. H. Clarkson
10584	17	Havre, Mont.	20	L. L. Bannan
11468	17	Pittsburg, Pa.	25	J. G. Dickson
11469	18	Berryville, Va.	15	J. M. Greene
11470	18	Louisa, Ky.	16	C. P. Spaulding
11471	18	Chicago, Ill.	13	Jos. E. Westley
11472	18	Park Ridge, N. J.	15	J. G. Shepherd
11473	18	Great Bend, N. D.	11	J. N. Jack
11474	19	Owensboro, Ky.	14	J. S. Neighbors
10699	21	Brookfield, Vt.	18	John Seith
11475	21	Pomona, Ill.	14	A. L. Wiseman
7197	23	Lehigh, Ia.	19	W. J. Struthers
11476	23	Mount Savage, Md.	17	Frank Drew
9832	24	Smithfield, W. Va.	19	W. W. Lappert
10088	24	Dellroy, O.	15	A. H. Myers
6267	28	Lansford, N. D.	17	J. W. O'Connell
9389	28	Watertown, O.	22	R. D. Hiatt
11477	28	Bardwell, Ky.	16	J. F. Christian
11478	28	Hammon, Okla.	15	J. R. Gordon
2808	29	Chillicothe, Ia.	17	J. A. Smith
7527	29	Fort Ritner, Ind.	20	R. B. Spurgeon
10436	29	Mannsville, N. Y.	15	J. E. Churchill
10741	29	Newport, Ind. Ter.	15	J. L. Horton
10755	29	Valley View, Ind. Ter.	16	R. D. Burns
11479	29	Pikesville, Md.	15	G. A. Crandall
11480	29	Lovettsville, Va.	14	A. H. Tramer

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Thus in nineteen-four we greet you,
May your order still expand,
Till the mighty Woodmen army
May be known through all our land.

And may loyal stand each Neighbor
To their trust of hope and love;
Till they gather round the camp-fire,
In the Father's home above.

Hoskins, Neb.

WITH THE CAMPS

The ten officers elected by Camp 1296, at Heron Lake, Minn., travel upon their weight, the ten weighing 1,875 pounds.

Harry Franklin, 89 Washington Ave., Albany, N. Y., wishes two district deputies for Eastern New York. Good territory. Write him as above.

District Deputy G. F. Meyers, Greenfield, O., wishes some good deputies for southern Ohio work. Good towns and good territory. Address him as above.

Neighbor A. B. Clark, clerk of Camp 8329, of Newton, Ill., writes that their camp has only one member who is going to quit on account of the new rates.

Camp 732, of Yankton, S. D., celebrated the twenty-first anniversary by the initiation of a large class of candidates, after which a most appetizing lunch was served, followed by cards and a smoker.

Neighbor F. C. Callan, clerk of the camp at Franklinville, N. Y., writes that although their camp is only two years old it is growing fast and much interest is being shown. They have twenty-six members and seven new applications.

Members of Camp 10475, of Sheridan, Okla., celebrated the twenty-first anniversary by a musical and literary program. The welcome address was delivered by Neighbor Jos. Johnson. After the program a supper was served and the evening was much enjoyed by all.

Camp 641, Modern Woodmen, of Ft. Madison, Ia., and the Royal Neighbors of that city, gave an oyster supper and musical program in commemoration of the twenty-first anniversary of our society, and also installing the officers. The event was made an enjoyable one for all present.

The Bagley Independent says that a rousing good time was had at the Woodmen hall Monday evening, December 7, when a class of seven were initiated. The Royal Neighbors furnished an elaborate supper which was appreciated by all. Deputy A. F. Lattimer has been working at that point.

E. W. French writes that Wabash Camp 3175, at Attica, Ind., distributed food to the poor of that city on New Year's day. This camp is in fine shape and will not lose a member on account of change in rates. The social committee is preparing a program for a four days' log-rolling next June.

Camp 11356, of Cleveland, O., celebrated the twenty-first anniversary with a vaudeville entertainment, followed by a luncheon and a hop at the Pythian temple. The affair was an enjoyable one and attended by all the members and their families, the large hall in the Pythian temple being filled to its capacity.

The largest camp of the Modern Woodmen is Camp 2002, located at Kansas City, Mo. There are eight camps with more than 1,000 members. Two of these are located in Kansas City and one in St. Paul, one in Duluth, one in Omaha, one in Rockford, one in Des Moines, and the other in Grand Rapids.

The members of the Modern Woodmen at Paris, Ill., some time ago invested their camp funds in a building and loan association, which has now matured and amounts to $4,000. On a vote it was decided to distribute the money among the members of the lodge, prorated according to their term of membership.

On anniversary night, January 5, the camp at Elburn, Ill., gave a public installation of officers which was followed by an elaborate banquet in the opera house, at which there were present the ladies and friends of the society. This camp was instituted March 27, 1896, and has only lost one member, Neighbor J. Frank Woodhand, by death.

The Woodmen at South Bend, Ind., celebrated the twenty-first anniversary with a public installation of officers, dancing and refreshments. District Deputy C. H. Shield was installing officer. After the installation the team of foresters interested the visitors and Neighbors with one of their exhibition drills, and refreshments were served.

Camp 5008, at Salisbury, Mo., celebrated the twenty-first anniversary on Monday evening, January 4, followed by a smoker and refreshments. The new officers were installed, the ceremonies being conducted by Past Consul N. Gunn. The clerk made report showing the camp to be in a flourishing condition with a steady gain in membership.

Deputy T. Strand, from Duluth, was at Sparta, Minn., only four days and wrote thirty-six applications. A member writes that the [illegible] was initiated Tuesday evening, December 22. A large delegation from Everett Camp was present and after the work refreshments were served. Sparta Camp now has seventy members and is one of the most prosperous in the district.

A member writes that Camp 11476 was instituted at Mt. Savage, Md., on Wednesday evening, December 30, by State Consul Harry Donnelly, assisted by District Deputy Frank Drew, and Assistant Deputy E. M. Dickinson. He says the Modern Woodmen are becoming numerous throughout Maryland, and the institution of Camp 11476 places Allegany county at the head of the list in Maryland.

The Republican of Joliet, Ill., in its issue of January 7, devotes a column and a half to a report of the anniversary celebration of Mill City Camp 115, of Lockport, Ill. The exercises were held in Norton's opera house, which was crowded to the doors, and the paper says young and old enjoyed one of the best programs ever given to a Lockport audience. Consul F. G. Blakesley gave the opening address, and Thos. Stevenson, of Joliet, and Senator R. J. Bar also spoke. There was a musical program, a vaudeville entertainment, a drill by the forester team of Camp 115, and a dance to close the celebration.

L. C. Uhl, Jr., venerable consul of Camp 1631, sends a clipping from the Smith County Journal, published at Smith Center, Kan., which contains half-tone photographs of L. C. Uhl, Jr., venerable consul; Ed. Miller, clerk, and I. N. Mahin, worthy adviser, the new officers-elect of Sycamore Camp 1631, and from the paper we glean the following statistical information concerning Camp 1631: Since its organization insurance to the amount of $7,000 has been paid to beneficiaries of deceased members as follows: J. N. Beacon, $1,000; J. L. Crochs, $2,000; D. E. Rubendall, $2,000; Casper Burwell, $2,000. The paper says Camp 1631 is in a very prosperous condition, with a membership of 170, and new members being added at every regular meeting. The annual installation of officers occurred Thursday evening, January 7, and was attended with interesting services.

Work of District Deputy Head Consuls.

Month of December, 1903.

Rank.	Name of Deputy.	Ind. Work December.	Total for Month.	Total Since Jan. 1, '03.
1	J. D. Brock, Oklahoma	9	128	1105
2	L. H. Wells, Oklahoma	23	69	828
3	F. H. Pulver, Kansas	2	20	756
4	T. Strand, Minnesota	67	67	754
5	J. W. Frerich, Washington	16	20	722
6	A. J. Harshberger, California	14	54	707
7	A. B. Buckland, West New York.	71	76	701
8	W. S. Brandriff, Ohio	37	58	597
9	L. B. Koopman, Rhode Island	2	23	555
10	I. C. Walker, Missouri	3	20	551
11	A. F. Hoffmeister, Pennsylvania.	..	34	548
12	J. L. Morgan, Michigan,	8	34	529
13	Jno. Grantham, Kansas	18	28	482
14	S. J. Williams, Nebraska	39	39	477
15	H. Barnes, Ohio	33	38	477
16	J. A. Walker, Kansas	17	26	473
17	F. O. Howlett, Milwaukee	49	49	468
18	W. Cromer, East New York	22	32	459
19	P. J. Murphy, North Dakota	..	27	452
20	S. A. Hulin, California	9	10	451
21	S. G. Fitch, Indiana	22	36	448
22	A. Doble, Missouri	4	27	441
23	C. H. Shields, Indiana	15	23	441
24	C. H. Loveland, East New York.	1	1	433
25	H. L. Line, Ohio	24	36	429
26	W. W. Lappert, West Virginia	24	30	418
27	J. W. Cannon, Kentucky	18	18	403
28	R. F. Clark, Maine	3	19	385
29	F. W. Fisher, East New York	67	67	367
30	A. N. Rooks, Illinois	8	42	366
31	E. C. Olds, Minnesota	12	31	366
32	C. D. Rhoades, Ohio	22	54	365
33	R. E. Todd, West New York	11	21	365
34	A. Hughes, Missouri	30	53	364
35	J. S. Fendley, Ilinois	..	17	364
36	M. G. Ratcliffe, Missouri	20	41	356
37	G. C. Woods, Maine	11	12	354
38	W. G. Womack, Ohio	17	22	350
39	G. D. Lutz, Pennsylvania	..	3	348
40	N. S. Thompson, Missouri	8	24	342
41	H. H. Walborn, Pennsylvania	12	15	338
42	A. H. Ellsworth, North Dakota.	1	9	335
43	C. G. Barnett, Missouri	15	25	322
44	O. C. Boyd, Indiana	2	5	316
45	W. H. Pendergast, Minnesota	14	25	313
46	O. E. Wescott, Colorado	14	18	303
47	W. S. Simpson, East New York.	34	41	302
48	L. W. Laing, Michigan	3	42	299
49	W. M. Kirkpatrick, W. New York	16	17	297
50	C. P. Spaulding, Kentucky	16	16	294
51	Eugene Carr, Washington	3	25	286
52	E. E. Deel, Iowa	7	25	285
53	H. W. Stoecker, Milwaukee	16	16	281
54	E. E. Gilligan, Illinois	2	7	281
55	C. A. Osborn, Indiana	66	72	278
56	R. B. Spurgeon, Indiana	32	33	278
57	Jas. G. Dickson, Washington	10	22	271
58	Jas. Corsaut, Indiana	4	19	271
59	J. C. Freeman, Montana	12	14	268
60	C. L. Sherwood, East New York.	19	27	265
61	Roy Wilson, Iowa	17	32	262
62	O. F. Kirkpatrick, W. New York.	16	16	259
63	W. M. Russell, Indian Territory.	10	26	251
64	G. F. Meyers, Ohio	15	15	248
65	P. A. Cadoret, Connecticut	72	77	240
66	G. H. Lessor, Vermont	15	17	235
67	D. W. Breen, Connecticut	9	17	234
68	A. E. Case, California	2	10	230
69	C. E. Baker, Ohio	15	29	224
70	E. I. Littlefield, Iowa	15	31	221
71	J. F. Bannan, Montana	1	30	218
72	W. H. Alsbury, Washington	3	26	217
73	F. E. McCalip, Indiana	..	39	200
74	Chas. Cleveland, Iowa	15	37	198
75	J. M. Davis, Michigan	18	18	190
76	D. B. Campbell, Kentucky	20	38	185
77	J. W. Forbes, Oklahoma	33	46	173
78	G. W. D. Reed, Vermont	1	3	167
79	A. M. Crum, Kansas	16	42	165
80	J. F. Christian, Kentucky	..	31	165
81	J. E. Westley, North Chicago	33	45	156
82	Jno. Pool, Missouri	3	3	150
83	W. H. Swift, Wisconsin	5	5	149
84	H. Henkell, Ohio	..	17	148
85	W. F. Filson, Indiana	13	19	145
86	A. A. Rice, Wisconsin	22	24	144
87	T. Tewksbury, East New York	3	3	144
88	J. H. D. Stevens, Missouri	14	31	142
89	H. C. Fuller, Connecticut	1	4	136
90	G. L. Reilly, Illinois	8	32	127
91	C. H. T. Riepen, Nebraska	5	11	124
92	A. I. Adams, California	15	15	123
93	A. H. Logan, West Virginia	26	26	121
94	W. W. Hamilton, Nebraska	13	43	119
95	H. H. Rost, St. Louis	31	37	119
96	W. C. Kunzli, Ohio	16	20	118
97	S. A. Maddrix, East Maryland	16	16	118
98	C. J. French, East New York	..	1	113
99	H. J. Bentley, Iowa	12	26	108
100	L. H. Addis, New Jersey	6	27	106
101	F. W. Edwards, Pennsylvania	23	31	93
102	T. R. Rogers, Indian Territory	18	23	93
103	T. M. Gordon, West New York	1	1	92
104	R. L. Creek, Idaho	16	30	91
105	G. G. Lohmire, Idaho	15	19	91
106	F. G. Blakeslee, South Chicago	12	13	91
107	R. D. Burns, Indian Territory	3	15	87
108	Sam Kaufman, Colorado	26	41	86
109	C. O. Hetchler, Michigan	5	5	86
110	W. H. Benjamin, East New York	15	15	85
111	W. L. Dowd, Iowa	15	17	84
112	E. P. Young, Missouri	13	31	83
113	S. H. Langdon, Michigan	20	21	82
114	John G. Dickson, Pittsburg	38	44	81
115	O. F. Nelson, Kentucky	20	34	80
116	J. A. Dickerson, Kansas	..	13	79
117	A. H. Tramer, Virginia	27	27	78
118	B. F. Pearson, Kentucky	1	11	78
119	Frank Fisher, Illinois	1	17	76
120	J. A. Gibson, Missouri	9	13	76
121	H. B. Turner, Colorado	21	22	73
122	B. H. Loomis, St. Louis	10	15	72
123	R. D. Chittenden, California	16	22	71
124	J. W. Crossfield, Minnesota	17	36	70
125	J. W. DeHart, St. Louis	4	32	70
126	W. C. Moidl, Kansas	8	15	70
127	R. W. Russell, Pennsylvania	13	17	69
128	J. D. Reinhard, Kentucky	2	2	68
129	J. H. Nelson, West Virginia	33	33	67
130	G. F. Lewis, Nebraska	8	29	67
131	G. F. Comer, Oregon	8	11	67
132	H. G. Fulkerson, Oklahoma	16	19	64
133	R. J. Bosworth, Indiana	13	28	63
134	C. L. Adams, Wisconsin	19	21	62
135	E. F. Burns, Detroit	47	47	61
136	C. E. Kirkwood, Virginia	17	21	58
137	R. H. Williams, Michigan	20	28	57
138	Matt Goslin, Iowa	5	15	56
139	John Seith, Vermont	26	26	55
140	G. W. Waymire, Kansas	3	16	54
141	F. M. Ross, California	23	23	53
142	Wm. Hughes, Illinois	8	21	53
143	L. J. Gilgis, North Chicago	9	9	53
144	A. A. French, Minnesota	24	33	52
145	J. M. Sherman, Milwaukee	8	15	52
146	Frank Drew, West Maryland	15	15	51
147	H. S. Tolen, New Jersey	..	2	51
148	Thos. Shortliff, South Chicago	44	46	50
149	W. H. Clarkson, North Chicago	31	32	50
150	J. R. Hughes, Pennsylvania	6	10	50
151	H. C. Smith, Michigan	16	17	49
152	J. P. Ecklund, Minnesota	4	4	49
153	F. B. Finnegan, Wisconsin	2	6	48
154	Frank Herald, California	5	5	48
155	R. F. Oswald, South Dakota	6	32	47
156	W. W. Tyree, Virginia	28	28	47
157	O. H. Lahm, Michigan	16	22	47
158	T. M. Lewis, Cincinnati	46	46	46
159	J. W. Bouton, Ohio	9	9	46
160	W. G. Davey, Michigan	4	9	45
161	E. E. Dickey, Oregon	26	32	44
162	M. L. Baird, Illinois	7	15	44
163	A. W. Mercer, South Chicago	7	9	44
164	Frank Wade, Cleveland	8	8	42
165	O. Hast, St. Louis	9	15	42
166	G. A. Heikes, Nebraska	33	34	39
167	J. S. Hubbard, Oregon	8	18	39
168	J. J. Regan, Wisconsin	6	12	39
169	J. L. Horton, Indian Territory	23	23	38
170	W. S. Pidcock, South Chicago	13	13	38
171	F. A. Andrews, Pittsburg	7	7	38
172	W. L. Plummer, Dist. of Columbia	10	10	36
173	C. S. Townley, Illinois	4	10	36
174	G. A. Kenderdine, Iowa	3	8	35
175	E. E. McLin, Illinois	2	7	34
176	A. L. Sterner, Cincinnati	3	3	34
177	C. S. Monaghan, Cincinnati	17	20	33
178	I. W. Kesler, Illinois	..	12	33
179	J. H. Patterson, Michigan	8	8	33
180	H. V. Rees, California	6	6	33
181	Wm. O'Connor, Arizona	15	15	32
182	Edw. Flynn, West New York	9	15	31
183	E. M. Clark, South Dakota	1	15	31
184	J. N. Graff, District of Columbia	30	30	30
185	P. S. Harrison, Illinois	10	11	29
186	J. C. Tate, Iowa	8	19	28
187	Thos. Angus, West Maryland	8	8	28
188	J. G. Shepherd, New Jersey	20	21	27
189	C. M. Schneider, Illinois	4	6	27
190	J. F. Forward, Michigan	1	2	27
191	Edw. Gordon, South Dakota	21	25	25
192	L. L. Bannan, Montana	..	3	24
193	M. N. Gates, Michigan	23	23	23
194	H. P. Heninger, Utah and Nevada	23	23	23
195	J. S. Jamison, West Maryland	1	1	22
196	J. W. Elliott, Virginia	21	21	21
197	A. A. Ulsrud, Wisconsin	2	5	21
198	C. H. Wilcox, Illinois	2	3	21
199	J. N. Jack, North Dakota	18	19	20
200	Wm. Christie, New Jersey	3	3	20
201	Peter Werner, Illinois	..	7	19
202	S. M. B. Stuart, Virginia	3	3	19
203	F. A. Thornton, Wisconsin	3	9	18
204	V. M. Wilcox, Virginia	3	3	18
205	H. B. Ball, Virginia	17	17	17
206	R. H. Fields, Iowa	5	17	17
207	G. A. Crandall, West Maryland	16	16	16
208	H. Bogard, Michigan	15	15	15
209	W. S. Faulkner, Cleveland	14	14	14
210	P. E. Lyngen, Minnesota	4	9	14
211	J. C. Heald, Cleveland	8	8	14
212	S. L. Seeman, Cleveland	11	11	11
213	T. H. Duffy, Iowa	7	7	11
214	H. L. Sleight, West Maryland	4	4	11
215	S. E. Shook, Ohio	8	10	10
216	G. A. Knight, Indiana	2	9	10
217	A. C. Eubanks, Colorado	..	10	10
218	Chas. McIntire, Colorado	..	2	10
219	W. H. Kleiner, Wisconsin	7	7	7
220	Jay Dewey, West New York	2	2	5
221	F. K. Muta, New Jersey	..	2	5
222	Jas. Harris, Nebraska	3	3	3
223	E. P. Taylor, South Chicago	3	3	3
224	G. F. Glass, Wisconsin	..	2	3
225	Phil Clayton, Nebraska	..	2	2
226	J. A. Smith, Iowa	..	2	2
227	J. H. Grove, West Maryland	1	1	1

Summary Work of Deputy Head Consuls.

Month of December, 1903.

State.	Number of New Camps.	Members New Camps.	Members Old Camps.	Total.
Ohio	5	78	230	308
Indiana	1	18	265	283
Oklahoma	2	51	211	262
Missouri	1	15	233	248
Michigan	2	26	218	244
Iowa	..	..	236	236
Illinois	1	11	195	206
Minnesota	1	15	190	205
East New York	..	..	187	187
Nebraska	1	20	141	161
Kansas	..	..	160	160
Kentucky	8	102	48	150
West New York	..	..	148	148
California	..	..	145	145
Virginia	5	96	24	120
St. Louis	1	22	97	119
Pennsylvania	1	14	96	110
Connecticut	1	68	30	98
Washington	1	16	77	93
Colorado	1	16	75	91
Wisconsin	..	..	91	91
West Virginia	3	55	34	89
Indian Territory	1	9	78	87
North Chicago	2	52	34	86
South Chicago	2	44	40	84
Milwaukee	1	27	53	80
South Dakota	..	..	72	72
Cincinnati	2	53	16	69
Oregon	1	20	41	61
New Jersey	1	16	39	55
North Dakota	2	33	22	55
Pittsburg	1	38	13	51
Idaho	..	..	49	49
Detroit	1	39	8	47
Montana	1	18	29	47
Vermont	1	18	28	46
West Maryland	2	31	14	45
Cleveland	1	8	33	41
District of Columbia	1	30	10	40
Maine	..	..	31	31
Rhode Island	..	..	23	23
Utah	..	..	19	19
East Maryland	1	14	2	16
Arizona	1	15	..	15
Nevada	..	..	4	4
Delaware	..	..	2	2
Philadelphia	..	..	..	..
Wyoming	..	..	..	..
Total	57	1088	3791	4879

Rank of State and City Supervising Deputies.

August 1, 1903, to January 1, 1904.

Rank.	Name.	Number of New Camps.	Members New Camps.	Members Old Camps.	Total.
1	N. C. Sherburne, Ohio	13	198	996	1194
2	J. S. Shearer, Oklahoma	25	537	648	1185
3	J. D. Volz, Indiana	10	176	966	1142
4	S. C. A. Rubey, Missouri	5	64	956	1020
5	G. N. Frink, Iowa	6	89	839	928
6	H. C. Gambill, Kentucky	39	676	195	871
7	E. J. Bullard, Michigan	10	144	721	865
8	W. H. Dawson, Minnesota	7	159	640	799
9	Harry Franklin, E. New York	9	149	645	794
10	C. S. Locknane, Kansas	4	42	698	740
11	M. H. Wyckoff, Pennsylvania	9	164	559	723
12	W. H. Dwyer, Illinois	3	41	670	720
13	O. H. Westburg, W. New York	7	112	519	631
14	J. O. Davis, California	4	73	551	624
15	J. M. Connelly, W. Virginia	16	245	331	576
16	C. D. Elliott, Washington	14	244	245	489
17	W. S. Johnston, St. Louis	7	221	261	482
18	M. M. Pierce, Conn., R. I.	4	222	230	452
19	W. N. Rumley, Ind. Ter.	9	150	259	409
20	E. E. Kester, Nebraska	1	20	361	381
21	F. B. Easterly, Colo. & Wyo.	3	50	319	369
22	B. F. Keeler, Wisconsin	2	33	323	356
23	T. W. Newman, Milwaukee.	3	110	209	319
24	M. C. Doubles, Virginia	15	266	51	317
25	A. Schurr, N. J., Del., E. Md.	5	73	203	276
26	H. C. Reed, Maine	3	51	210	261
27	Jno. F. Harris, N. Chicago.	4	111	148	259
28	O. F. Avery, South Chicago.	5	166	85	251
29	T. W. Bartley, Ida., Utah, Nev.	1	7	234	241
30	H. S. Oliver, North Dakota.	8	120	84	204
31	G. H. Russell, W. Md. & D. C.	7	128	74	202
32	H. I. Brown, South Dakota.	1	16	183	199
33	G. M. Roe, Montana	4	82	82	164
34	A. O. Palmer, Vermont	2	32	113	145
35	J. W. Simmons, Oregon	2	37	102	139
36	Geo. T. Jacobs, Pittsburg	2	69	57	126
37	M. B. Putney, Cleveland	2	28	94	122
38	S. G. Sparks, Cincinnati	3	80	37	117
39	A. M. Fleischhauer, Detroit	1	39	26	65
40	....., Arizona	1	15	17	32
41	S. W. Bush, Philadelphia	..	...	...	...
	Total	276	5239	13950	19189

Summary Work of Deputy Head Consuls.

January 1, 1903, to January 1, 1904.

State.	Number of New Camps.	Members New Camps.	Members Old Camps.	Total.
Missouri	57	1027	3258	4285
New York	46	788	2984	3772
Ohio	35	605	2717	3322
Indiana	35	634	2500	3134
Oklahoma	50	938	1623	2561
Michigan	29	509	2000	2509
Illinois	23	496	1986	2482
Kansas	13	161	2209	2370
Pennsylvania	43	808	1460	2268
Iowa	11	151	1795	1946
Minnesota	24	436	1486	1922
California	14	258	1371	1629
Washington	52	890	642	1532
West Virginia	23	408	899	1307
Nebraska	3	51	1104	1155
Wisconsin	11	225	925	1150
Colorado	8	133	833	966
Connecticut	10	317	620	937
Kentucky	39	676	195	871
Maine	8	137	725	862
Oregon	20	399	429	828
North Dakota	29	428	391	819
Indian Territory	25	374	430	804
Vermont	18	273	462	735
Montana	12	230	490	720
New Jersey	9	153	530	683
Rhode Island	6	207	348	555
South Dakota	3	43	400	443
Idaho	7	75	333	408
Maryland	6	102	232	334
Virginia	15	266	51	317
Utah	2	24	257	281
Wyoming	4	75	70	145
District of Columbia	2	40	10	50
Arizona	2	27	5	32
Nevada	..	...	30	30
Delaware	..	...	31	31
Total	694	12364	35801	48195

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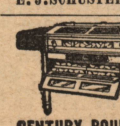

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18 to 25 years	$0 25	$0 50	$1 00	$1 50
26 to 27 years	30	55	1 10	1 65
28 to 29 years	30	60	1 20	1 80
30 to 31 years	35	65	1 30	1 95
32 to 33 years	35	70	1 40	2 10
34 to 35 years	40	75	1 50	2 25
36 to 37 years	40	80	1 60	2 40
38 to 39 years	45	85	1 70	2 55
40 to 41 years	45	90	1 80	2 70
42 to 43 years	50	95	1 90	....
44 to 45 years	50	1 00	2 00	....

The Modern Woodmen death-rate has never exceeded 5.41 per 1,000, and last year was but 4.84 per 1,000.

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The Society Operates Only in Selected Territory; Hazardous Risks are Not Accepted; Careful Medical Selection of Applicants for Membership is Always Made.

ECONOMY OF MANAGEMENT.

The expense of management has averaged but 85 cents per member per year since the society was organized in 1883.

700,000	$1,200,000,000	11,200
Members	Insurance in Force	Local Camps

ITS GRAND RECORD.

Organized January 5, 1883.

Total membership, and constantly increasing.700,000
Local camps (lodges) in active operation.....11,200
Insurance in force.....$1,200,000,000.00
Number death claims paid.....19,500
Total paid to beneficiaries.....$35,500,000.00
Average annual death-rate (1883-1902) 4.67 per 1,000
Average age of total membership.....36.76 years
Average annual net gain in membership since date of organization (January 5, 1883).....33,000
Average annual net gain in members since January 1, 1890.....52,000
Average annual net gain in members, last five years.....80,000

Operates Only in the Most Healthful Territory—Excludes Hazardous Risks—Bars Liquor Dealers

Camps Delinquent December 19, 1903.

The operation of the society's law (section 240) suspended all delinquent camps December 19th ult., for failure to remit assessment No. 11 to reach the Head Clerk on or before the 18th day of said month. Subsequent receipt of Pass Report and remittance fully reinstated camps so remitting. Camps listed in the table following had not reinstated by the close of business January 7, 1904:

ILLINOIS.
3485 Essex 28
4957 Omaha 28
7625 Thebes 16
Total 72

IOWA.
4064 Lawler 48
7348 Bartlett 11
Total 59

WISCONSIN.
5185 Highbridge . 15
6423 Wildrose ... 40
10230 Sugarbush .. 1
10724 Mikesville .. 15
Total 71

KANSAS.
8565 Kimeo 20
9338 Tint 6
Total 26

NEBRASKA.
2518 Chappell ... 28
6549 Berwyn 16
Total 44

MINNESOTA.
5926 Nielsville .. 14
5936 Cohasset ... 25
6317 Custer 33
8616 Deer River . 42
9853 Rollis 11
10397 Skibo 24
11032 McGregor .. 23
Total 172

MICHIGAN
3313 Laingsburg . 26
5275 Manning ... 37
8178 Shepherd .. 26
8983 Bendon 6
10133 Delrey 22
10769 Owendale .. 7
11119 Soule 5
11370 Joyfield 12
Total 141

SOUTH DAKOTA.
8536 Avon 30

NORTH DAKOTA.
3538 Mona 11
4797 Stanley 13
7706 Bowdon 26
10483 Renville 10
Total 60

MISSOURI.
4755 Carterville . 85
7443 Musselfork . 25
9157 Cross Tmb's 19
11349 Wardell 12
Total 141

WYOMING.
6519 Manville ... 15
11128 Cumberland .17
Total..... 32

WEST VIRGINIA.
7294 Fairfield ... 7

PENNSYLVANIA.
6667 Smethport .. 16
7433 Callery 31
9153 Derry Stat'n 6
10209 Allegheny .. 9
Total.. 62

INDIANA.
4789 Fremont ... 11
8462 Springville . 9
8586 Fredricksb'g. 8
11013 Brownsville. 10
11385 Waynesburg. 9
Total 47

MONTANA.
10902 Saltese 11

WASHINGTON.
8810 Oso 21
9115 Lyman 11
10147 Washongal . 16
11059 Krupp 10
Total 58

CALIFORNIA.
10596 Conejo 14
10915 Cosumne ... 11
11269 Paskenta ... 4
Total 29

COLORADO.
8926 Montrose ... 63
9018 Amity 20
9166 Aguilar 10
Total 93

OKLAHOMA.
6959 Tonkawa ... 54
11291 Camargo ... 7
Total 61

INDIAN TERRIT'Y.
6967 Tulsa 78
7859 Owl 14
Total 92

MARYLAND.
10590 Galloways .. 5

NEW JERSEY.
11317 Orange 17

NEW YORK.
9902 Cayuga 5
10092 Middletown.. 8
Total 13

RHODE ISLAND.
8776 Valley Falls. 21
10739 Arctic 39
Total 60

VERMONT.
11085 N. Hartland 11

MAINE.
8956 Houlton 61

KENTUCKY.
11373 Shawhan ... 14

Per capita for the following listed camps suspended had not been received at this office at the colse of business on January 7, 1904:

No.	Location.
2999	Elgin, Ia.
7768	New Franklin, Mo.
8374	Williamson, W. Va.
10962	Albion, Pa.
10932	Rochester, Mont.
9747	Hatton, Wash.

Camps following continue in suspension for failure to remit under calls previous to assessment No. 11, 1903. Neighbors desiring reinstatement, write the Head Clerk for information.

No.	Location.	Assessment.
3780	Hickory Ridge, Ill.*	6 of 1903
6502	Loxa, Ill.*	6 of 1903
7923	Dennison, Ill.*	6 of 1903
8673	Cooksville, Ill	9 of 1903
3165	Cedar Valley, Ia	7 of 1903
6016	Crystallake, Ia	10 of 1903
6487	Buckgrove, Ia.*	6 of 1903
6807	Lima, Ia	7 of 1903
8184	Toddville, Ia	10 of 1903
8925	Brainard, Ia.*	6 of 1903
10565	Waukon Junction, Ia	10 of 1903
10774	White Pigeon, Ia	7 of 1903
10865	Donnan Junction, Ia	7 of 1903
8074	Hatley, Wis.*	6 of 1903
10070	Strouf, Wis.	7 of 1903
10301	Plat, Wis.	8 of 1903
5919	Collyer, Kan.	9 of 1903
8933	Simpson, Kan.*	6 of 1903
11004	Haworth, Kan.*	6 of 1903
11227	Waldron, Kan.	9 of 1903
5265	Bluffton, Minn	7 of 1903
5313	Tabor, Minn	10 of 1903
9714	Rockford, Minn	9 of 1903
10309	Vining, Minn	8 of 1903
3126	Ashley, Mich	10 of 1903
4634	Breedsville, Mich	9 of 1903
6573	Fulton, Mich	10 of 1903
7574	Athens, Mich	10 of 1903
8802	McBain, Mich	7 of 1903
9299	Cedar Run, Mich	7 of 1903
9442	Crawford, Mich	8 of 1903
11179	Drummond, Mich	10 of 1903
1624	Sherman, S. D.	9 of 1903
7074	Trent, S. D.	9 of 1903
10882	Virgil, S. D.	8 of 1903
4473	Carpio, N. D.*	6 of 1903
7587	Wales, N. D.	9 of 1903
7812	Portal, N. D.	10 of 1903
10503	Cayuga, N. D.*	6 of 1903
11161	Highland, N. D.*	6 of 1903
11171	Denbigh, N. D.*	6 of 1903
11173	Sentinel Butte, N. D.*	6 of 1903
6410	Osgood, Mo.	10 of 1903
6490	Wellington, Mo.	8 of 1903
7578	Ponce De Leon, Mo.*	6 of 1903
8305	Longlane, Mo.*	6 of 1903
8943	Topaz, Mo.	9 of 1903
9937	Rocheport, Mo.	10 of 1903
11107	Arden, Mo.	8 of 1903
11246	Pleasant Hill, Mo.	10 of 1903
5808	Goldsmith, Ind.	10 of 1903
7497	Guilford, Ind.	10 of 1903
10720	Rainesville, Ind.*	6 of 1903
11104	Milton, Ind.*	6 of 1903
11241	Moores Hill, Ind.*	6 of 1903
5674	Columbus, O.	9 of 1903
8874	Bluecreek, O.	9 of 1903
9010	Georgetown, O.*	6 of 1903
11182	Shiloh, O.	10 of 1903
11221	Springboro, O.	10 of 1903
5921	Blacksville, W. Va.	8 of 1903
9253	Friendly, W. Va.	10 of 1903
9753	Alvon, W. Va.	7 of 1903
10004	Cass, W. Va.	7 of 1903
10944	Greenback, W. Va.	7 of 1903
11286	Gauley Bridge, W. Va.	7 of 1903
7020	Vandergrift, Pa.*	6 of 1903
7548	Jersey Shore, Pa.	8 of 1903
8569	North Clarendon, Pa.	9 of 1903
10743	Kellettville, Pa.	8 of 1903
11072	Chatham, Pa.	7 of 1903
11167	East Stroudsburg, Pa.	8 of 1903
11300	Sutersville, Pa.	8 of 1903
5914	Goldbutte, Mont.	9 of 1903
9432	Rockford, Mont.	10 of 1903
11141	Five Mile, Mont.	7 of 1903
7413	Council, Idaho	9 of 1903
8785	Harrington, Wash.*	6 of 1903
9611	Matlock, Wash.	9 of 1903
10369	Paha, Wash.	8 of 1903
10444	Welch, Wash.	9 of 1903
11234	Holly, Wash.	7 of 1903
8622	Sweet Home, Ore.	8 of 1903
9176	Lonerock, Ore.	9 of 1903
9844	Post, Ore.*	6 of 1903
10000	Warrenton, Ore.	10 of 1903
10425	Elgin, Ore.	10 of 1903
10443	Monkland, Ore.	10 of 1903
10956	Springfield, Ore.	10 of 1903
7901	Fernando, Cal.	7 of 1903
8055	Maxwell, Cal.	9 of 1903
8367	Sacramento, Cal.	10 of 1903
9852	Montague, Cal.	8 of 1903
8734	Guffey, Colo.	10 of 1903
9370	Orchard, Colo.	7 of 1903
10267	Fowler, Colo.*	6 of 1903
8030	Parnell, Okla.*	6 of 1903
9239	Baker, Okla.	9 of 1903
10305	Cestos, Okla.	7 of 1903
11099	Galva, Okla.	7 of 1903
10331	Bixby, Ind. Ter.	10 of 1903
10603	Stillwell, Ind. Ter.*	6 of 1903
10859	Braggs, Ind. Ter.	10 of 1903
10986	Maple, Ind. Ter.	9 of 1903
11043	Oktaha, Ind. Ter.	8 of 1903
11109	Bethel Hill, Ind. Ter.	8 of 1903
11258	Sulphur, Ind. Ter.	9 of 1903
10573	Hammonton, N. J.	7 of 1903
11078	Newark, N. J.	7 of 1903
9949	Ischua, N. Y.	8 of 1903
10306	Pittsford, N. Y.	10 of 1903
10441	Prattsburg, N. Y.	10 of 1903
10564	Norwich, N. Y.*	6 of 1903
11014	Gasport, N. Y.	8 of 1903
11341	La Salle, N. Y.	10 of 1903
11239	Centerdale, R. I.	8 of 1903
9270	South Albany, Vt.	10 of 1903
11001	Windsor, Vt.	10 of 1903
11237	Bristol, Vt.*	6 of 1903
10766	Milo, Maine	10 of 1903
10649	Vernal, Utah	7 of 1903

*Per capita second term, 1903.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the Month Ended December 31, 1903.

RECAPITULATION.

Benefit Fund.

Balance November 30, 1903	$1,143,365 05
Receipts, December, 1903	526,556 50
Receipts, see items below	3,000 00
	$1,672,921 55
Disbursements December, 1903	472,762 00
Balance December 31, 1903	$1,200,159 55

General Fund.

Balance November 30, 1903	$454,996 37
Receipts, December, 1903	10,488 62
Receipts, see items below	2,603 70
	$468,088 69
Disbursements December, 1903	66,321 36
Balance December 31, 1903	$401,767 33

Receipts by States.	Benefit Fund.	General Fund.
Illinois	$110,121 00	$1,561 90
Iowa	57,211 20	908 78
Wisconsin	38,772 25	702 65
Kansas	48,335 00	765 60
Nebraska	36,567 05	511 01
Minnesota	37,384 45	728 71
Michigan	26,057 60	417 09
South Dakota	10,884 75	243 33
North Dakota	8,671 90	222 74
Missouri	47,072 80	913 36
Indiana	18,007 00	475 91
Ohio	14,435 60	347 79
West Virginia	3,167 95	78 77
Pennsylvania	10,001 75	174 80
Wyoming	1,271 75	40 05
Montana	3,827 40	115 43
Idaho	2,327 20	103 21
Washington	8,812 50	545 22
Oregon	3,354 90	125 17
California	6,378 55	239 67
Colorado	5,533 00	214 85
Oklahoma	8,066 35	399 70
Indian Territory	2,330 15	111 30
Maryland	997 10	8 96
Delaware	415 25	8 20
New Jersey	1,411 20	43 88
New York	6,822 85	201 03
Connecticut	2,145 30	38 81
Rhode Island	1,233 10	10 37
Vermont	1,234 05	82 83
Maine	2,190 70	80 63
Utah	727 05	8 75
Nevada	158 50	.....
Virginia	164 20	21 55
Kentucky	456 30	32 57
Arizona	8 80	1 30
District of Columbia	.....	2 70
Cancelled orders	3,000 00	16 00
Refunds	.....	9 00
Advertising	.....	833 34
Rent	.....	60 00
Sale old type	.....	350 00
Dividend, D. C. Zink	.....	1,335 36
Total	$529,556 50	$13,092 32

General Fund Disbursements.

Salary Head Clerk	$375 00
Employes' pay-roll	7,527 35
Office expense "Clerk"	242 90
Postage	3,098 53
Salary Head Banker	300 00
Office expense "Banker"	93 01
Salary Head Consul	416 66
Office expense "Consul"	1,451 46
Board of Directors	2,243 21
Litigation	836 24
General expense	5,044 43
Official paper	5,798 14
Supplies for re-sale	4,815 84
Furniture	614 50
Expense Head Physicians	225 70
Expense field work	25,554 22
Expense Head Camp	955 70
Salary General Attorneys	750 00
Legal expense	1,134 47
Salary Editor	300 00
Occupation rebate	31 90
Building account	1,039 40
Library	3 00
Expense Past Head Consul's office	18 60
Fraternal Congress	55 00
Revision record	2,062 93
Supreme Medical Directors	1,333 17
Total	$66,321 36

Benefit Fund Disbursements.

To beneficiaries deceased Neighbors (The list of names has been published in assessment notice in Modern Woodman.—Editor.) $472,762 00

I certify that the foregoing statement correctly exhibits the financial transactions of my office for the month ended December 31, 1903.

C. W. HAWES,
Head Clerk, M. W. of A.

STATEMENT OF HEAD BANKER

M. W. OF A.

Daily Business and Balances for the Month Ended December 31, 1903.

BENEFIT FUND.

1903. **Receipts.**

Balance on hand November 30		$1,338,770 73
Receved from Head Clerk—		
December 4	$53,231 15	
December 8	20,978 30	
December 14	39,383 45	
December 18	43,914 70	
December 19	45,274 85	
December 21	71,238 00	
December 26	55,480 00	
December 26	58,839 25	
December 30	75,602 75	
December 30	48,390 90	
December 31	37,469 25	
Total receipts		$1,888,573 33

Disbursements.

Paid various orders—		
December 1	$42,436 83	
December 2	15,000 00	
December 3	28,000 00	
December 4	37,250 00	
December 5	14,000 00	
December 7	13,000 00	
December 8	18,000 00	
December 9	7,833 34	
December 10	7,500 00	
December 11	3,000 00	
December 12	7,000 00	
December 14	12,500 00	
December 16	6,000 00	
December 17	4,500 00	
December 18	2,000 00	
December 19	3,000 00	
December 21	9,666 66	
December 22	4,000 00	
December 23	23,000 00	
December 24	57,000 00	
December 26	110,364 50	
December 28	52,000 00	
December 29	47,535 00	
December 30	50,462 50	
December 31	14,000 00	
Total disbursements		$589,058 83
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1903		1,299,524 50
Total		$1,888,573 33

GENERAL FUND.

1903. **Receipts.**

Baiance on hand November 30		$462,275 76
Received from Head Clerk—		
December 4	$698 88	
December 8	1,227 31	
December 14	1,409 00	
December 18	1,674 21	
December 19	1,824 15	
December 21	744 46	
December 26	961 42	
December 26	1,340 56	
December 30	790 57	
December 30	616 89	
December 31	1,019 96	
Total receipts		$474,583 17

Disbursements.

Paid various orders—		
December 1	$2,566 34	
December 2	428 59	
December 3	1,841 13	
December 4	257 02	
December 5	649 47	
December 7	172 03	
December 8	311 08	
December 9	73 05	
December 10	65 32	
December 11	200 49	
December 12	397 30	
December 14	24 00	
December 15	103 10	
December 16	2 00	
December 17	439 30	
December 18	1 00	
December 19	35 14	
December 21	665 17	
December 22	17,078 67	
December 23	4,858 56	
December 24	13,615 74	
December 26	6,268 15	
December 29	12,585 70	
December 30	2,225 31	
December 31	1,929 92	
Total		$66,787 58
Balance in fund		$407,795 59
		$474.583 17

RECAPITULATION.

Both Funds.

Balance last report, Nov. 30, 1903		$1,801,046 49
Receipts during month—		
Benefit	$549,802 60	
General	12,307 41	562,110 01
Grand total		$2,363,156 50
Disbursements during month—		
Benefit	$589,048 83	
General	66,787 58	655,836 41
Balance		$1,707,320 09

State of Wisconsin, } ss.
County of Rock, }

I, A. N. Bort, Head Banker for the Modern Woodmen of America, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A. N. BORT,
Head Banker, M. W. of A.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this fourth day of January, A. D. 1904.

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NO BENEFIT ASSESSMENT FOR FEBRUARY, 1904

The publication and mailing of this notice to a Neighbor in suspension shall not be held to waive forfeiture or lapse of membership which may have occurred from any cause.

HEAD OFFICE MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA, ROCK ISLAND, ILL., February 1, 1904.

Esteemed Neighbor: The Board of Directors, Modern Woodmen of America, convened in regular session at the Head Office building, Rock Island, Ill., January 12, 1904, in its judgment finding the condition of the benefit fund such as to admit of the payment of each and all legal claims against the society from the surplus remaining in said benefit fund, and due to same under call for assessment No. 12, series of 1903, now in process of collection, and to be received and credited to said fund from assessment No. 196, levied January 1, 1904, and called as of this date, and at said session said Board found it nnnecessary to levy an assessment for the month of February, 1904.

The society's Board of Directors investigated the following listed benefit claims and satisfied itself that said claims, and each and all of them, are legal liabilities against the society, and allowed same, viz:

No.	Name and Location.	Age.	Date of Cert.	Camp.	Amt.	Cause and Date of Death.
16404	Robert H. Blose, Los Angeles, Cal.	37	Feb. 12, '02	9262	$1750	Meningitis, Jan. 10, '03.
16552	John C. Fell, Cherry Valley, Ill... ..	..	Aug. 19, '90	104	500	Disappeared, 1894.
17389	Ezra D. Bartholomew. Carlisle, Ia.	47	July 19, '95	3216	2000	Alcoholism, May 1, '03.
17517	H. A. Granvold, Coon Valley, Wis.	35	Mar. 20, '02	539	500	Suicide by hanging, April 1, '03.
17708	John A. Varner, Delavan, Kan....	47	Jan. 19, '97	1718	1500	Smallpox, April 11, '03.
18025	William Hicks, Chinook, Mont....	35	May 12, '99	6324	3000	Accidental injury, June 1, '03.
18036	James R. Bivens, Haywood, Mo...	34	Mar. 11, '01	9359	2000	Accidental injury, July 14, '03.
18134	William Robb, Streator, Ill.....	31	Oct. 26, '95	4	2000	Meningitis, July 29, '03.
18295	L. A. Middleton, Batavia, Ia.....	45	Mar. 3, '94	1852	2000	Cancer of stomach, Aug. 12, '03.
18509	Thomas McGrath, Lemont, Ill.....	45	Jan. 27, '02	9175	1000	Aortic aneurism, Sept. 7, '03.
18548	William P. White, Moberly, Mo...	52	Mar. 3, '94	2109	2000	Accidental injury, May 21, '03.
18581	Henry Schrader, Beardsley, Minn..	30	Mar. 15, '99	3722	2000	Suffocation, Mar. 15, '03.
18741	John G. Oosterbeck, Chicago, Ill..	27	Nov. 6, '02	3998	3000	Tuberculosis, Oct. 4, '03.
18753	Charles F. Herr, Reading, Pa.....	33	Jan. 9, '02	7634	1000	Acute alcoholism, Sept. 27, '03.
18769	Lewis H. Bradley, Memphis, Mich.	48	Oct. 5, '99	6640	2000	Burned, Sept. 29, '03.
18866	Wm. A. Murphy, Neche, N. D....	36	Nov. 18, '95	3338	3000	Pneumonia, Oct. 15, '03.
18882	C. C. Appleton, Benton Hbr., Mich.	24	Mar. 29, '99	901	2000	Tuberculosis. Oct. 14, '03.
18887	Edward J. Erhardt, Pierson, Ill...	31	May 6, '99	6493	1000	Tuberculosis, Oct. 17, '03.
18912	C. M. Conlon, Kansas City, Mo...	44	Sept. 11, '99	1990	1000	Typhoid fever, Oct. 22, '03.
18935	Lincoln Seward, Musselshell, Mont.	35	Feb. 25, '02	10514	2000	Consumption, Oct. 17, '03.
18946	Geo. H. Bennett, Sioux City, Ia...	29	Dec. 6, '02	7642	2000	Disease of heart, Oct. 21, '03.
18951	Henry Ryder, Elizabeth, Ill.....	50	Aug. 24, '97	3989	1000	Hem'rhage of lungs, Oct. 12,'03.
18952	George Buckham, Mercer, Pa.....	36	July 12, '99	6799	3000	Typhoid fever, Oct. 7, '03.
18967	Ingram C. Lusk, Emporia, Kan....	30	Dec. 5, '02	1806	2000	Peritonitis, Oct. 26, '03.
19002	William E. Duty, Kahoka, Mo....	42	Mar. 24, '99	2290	2000	Inflam't'n of brain, Oct. 26,'03.
19029	George Davis, Morhain, Ia.....	42	July 10, '00	8384	1000	Diphtheria, Nov. 3, '03.
19033	A. W. Burns, Kansas City, Mo....	41	Feb. 23, '95	2002	1000	Gunshot wound, Nov. 5, '03.
19034	Lewis H. Moor, Burnside, Ill.....	38	July 30, '96	2163	1000	Tuberculosis, Nov. 4, '03.
19044	Timothy D. Hixson, Kanawha, Ia.	38	Jan. 14, '97	4905	1000	Tuberculosis, Nov. 6, '03.
19045	Charles Katraba, Cumings, N. D..	37	Nov. 20, '97	2787	1000	Bright's disease, Nov. 9, '03.
19057	John Erickson, Onalaska, Wis....	40	Sept. 4, '88	418	1000	Consumption, Nov. 7, '03.
19097	Henry W. Graack, Minonk, Ill....	27	Jan. 27, '98	952	2000	Peritonitis, Nov. 14, '03.
19108	Gus Rood, Nehawka, Neb.....	41	April 25, '89	2010	3000	Pneumonia, Nov. 17, '03.
19128	Thomas Troy, Tremont, Ill.....	46	April 19, '99	998	1000	Killed by cars, Nov. 19, '03.
19136	Mark B. Amlong, Le Roy, Ill.....	27	Dec. 30, '98	2026	1000	Killed by cars, Nov. 19, '03.
19138	Ferdinand Bachma, Danvers, Ill...	44	June 19, '01	1087	1000	Killed by cars, Nov. 19, '03.
19139	Jno. S. Smith, Bloomington, Ill....	35	Nov. 8, '98	4931	1000	Killed by cars, Nov. 19, '03.
19142	Alvin G. Crockett, Enderlin, N. D.	54	May 26, '94	2305	2000	Accid'tal gunshot, Nov. 20, '03.
19144	M. C. Matson, Lake Geneva, Wis..	54	June 28, '87	369	2000	Apoplexy, Nov. 20, '03.
19149	Bowman Fleming, Belgrade, Mont.	42	Jan. 10, '02	9775	2000	Gunshot wound, Nov. 13, '03.
19153	Reuben P. Hitchcock, Tomah, Wis.	63	Mar. 24, '88	554	2000	Fatty deg. of heart, Nov. 20,'03.
19163	George Mani, Peoria, Ill.....	39	April 27, '94	843	2000	Typhoid fever, Nov. 21, '03.
19173	George H. Harris, Henry, Ill.....	60	Aug. 26, '92	403	2000	Paralysis, Nov. 22, '03.
19188	Jno. J. De Han, Seattle, Wash....	31	Dec. 10, '01	6345	3000	Phthisis, Nov. 10, '03.
19205	Wm. G. Stimpson, Milford, Ill....	22	Dec. 10, '00	91	3000	Typhoid fever, Nov. 19, '03.
19211	Jno. E. Johnston, Olean, Mo.....	27	June 4, '03	3406	1000	Typhoid fever, Nov. 27, '03.
19217	Walter H. Smith, Withes, Wis....	36	Mar. 27, '90	806	1000	Diabetes mellitus, Nov. 29, '03.
19224	S. D. Myers, Bloomington, Ill.....	42	June 27, '01	1021	2000	Killed by cars, Nov. 19, '03.
19233	Jno. J. Austin, Utica, Neb.....	53	June 14, '94	1534	2000	Cancer of stomach, Nov. 30, '03.
19238	Jacob H. Dyer, Marble Head, Ill..	46	Oct. 30, '00	6017	2000	Apoplexy, Nov. 30, '03.
19244	Frank H. Knight, Irvington, Neb..	39	June 8, '96	3946	1000	Suicide by hanging, Nov. 27,'03.
19247	George Lawton Albany, N. Y.....	43	Mar. 7, '02	10188	1000	Tuberculosis, Nov. 30, 1903.
19248	Willie Hering, Sparta, Wis.....	25	Mar. 5, '00	560	1000	Accidental injury, Dec. 2, '03.
19250	W. L. Sartell, Sauk Rapids, Minn..	39	Aug. 1, '02	2446	1000	Meningitis, Dec. 2, '03.
19249	George Hansen, Covert, Mich.....	42	Aug. 14, '01	6402	1000	Accidental injury, Dec. 3, '03.
19255	Adolph Younge, Roanoke, Ill.....	52	April 4, '93	1206	2000	Cancer, Nov. 30, '03.
19257	Cyrus B. Smoyer, Newport, Pa.....	34	June 13, '99	6688	3000	Pneumonia, Nov. 27, '03.
19262	Henry E. Faith, Mauckport, Ind..	39	Feb. 15, '98	3440	1000	Malaria, Dec. 2, '03.
19265	Manly Ogden, Fieldon, Ill.....	32	Feb. 20, '02	1683	1000	Accidental injury, Dec. 3, '03.
19266	Jas. H. McCaskey, Banner, Ill....	30	Mar. 7, '99	4131	500	Typhoid fever, Nov. 25, '03.
19269	Jesse E. Evans, Peoria, Ill.....	25	Jan. 22, '98	5024	1000	Meningitis, Dec. 3, '03.
19273	Geo. M. Brown, St. Joseph, Mo...	49	Feb. 7, '96	1893	2000	Tuberculosis, Dec. 4, '03.
19280	Ralph J. Shoup, Nashville, Mich..	25	Mar. 3, '02	10529	1000	Phthisis, Nov. 28, '03.
19285	Jas. Coventry, Findlay, Ill.....	41	Feb. 12, '00	2082	2000	Suicide by poison, Dec. 5, '03.
19286	Chas. M. Morris, Meriden, Kan...	37	May 26, '98	1491	2000	Typhoid fever, Dec. 2, '03.
19293	F. W. Nelson, Johnsonburg, Pa...	22	June 12, '01	8144	1000	Pneumonia, Nov. 30, '03.
19299	Chas. F. Allen, Long Point, Ill....	42	Oct. 14, '99	1842	1000	Typhoid fever, Dec. 2, '03.
19306	C. H. Bauersfield, Yates Cent'r, Kan.	47	Feb. 20, '96	1519	2000	Pneumonia, Dec. 2, '03.
19308	W. T. Wright, Rockwell City, Ia..	51	Feb. 3, '98	2522	2000	Disease of heart, Dec. 7, '03.
19311	Jas. A. Young, Charlestown, Ind..	39	Dec. 24, '97	3823	1000	Tuberculosis, Dec. 5, '03.
19313	Lewis M. Gibbs, Ute, Ia.....	31	Mar. 10, '98	2135	2000	Disease of heart, Dec. 6, '03.
19317	William T. Brooks, Bellflower, Ill.	53	May 23, '94	2301	2000	Accidental injury, Dec. 9, '03.
19318	George Good, Quincy, Ill.....	46	Aug. 25, '99	219	2000	Accidental injury, Dec. 7, '03.
19319	Jesse Hamner, Salena, Kan.....	60	Jan. 30, '92	384	2000	Bright's disease, Dec. 7, '03.
19321	Calvin F. Cooper, Grainfield, Kan.	34	Jan. 28, '97	3652	2000	Pneumonia, Dec. 8, '03.
19326	John L. Nofsinger, Richland, Mo..	44	Jan. 7, '01	5205	2000	Typhoid fever, Nov. 29, '03.
19327	Chas. E. Poppe, St. Louis, Mo.....	35	Sept. 16, '86	3080	3000	Meningitis, Dec. 8, '03.
19328	R. H. Griffith, Big Rapids, Mich...	47	Dec. 21, '01	3385	1000	Bright's disease, Dec. 10, '03.
19332	James D. O'Keefe, Rockford, Ill...	54	April 14, '94	49	2000	Poisoning, Nov. 21, 03.
19338	Thomas V. Kelly, Mt. Vernon, O..	51	July 19, '97	4705	2000	Accidental injury, Dec. 8, '03.
19340	Sebastian Meier, Cass Lake, Minn.	46	July 17, '01	6231	2000	Accidental injurv, Dec. 9, '03.
19341	Joseph Champine, Mackinaw, Mich.	37	May 22, '00	4938	1000	Tuberculosis, Dec. 9, '03.
19342	Lee J. Forsyth, Ypsilanti, Mich...	32	Feb. 25, '03	1369	1000	Killed by cars, Dec. 10, '03.
19343	Charles F. Owens, Greenfield, O...	47	Sept. 9, '96	4166	3000	Cirrhosis of liver, Dec. 12, '03.
19349	Matt A. Goar, Kennedy, Minn.....	47	Nov. 2, '99	5047	2000	Gastric ulcer, Dec. 10, '03.
19350	John Brown, Freeland, Mich.....	44	Jan. 24, '00	7537	1000	Apoplexy, Dec. 12, '03.
19354	Wm. H. May, Hamilton, Neb.....	36	Mar. 25, '97	6266	2000	Pneumonia, Dec. 10, '03.
19355	Theodore F. Allen, Western, Neb..	59	Jan. 4, '93	669	2000	Uremia, Nov. 30, '03.
19357	Jacob S. Drum, Casey, Ill.....	48	Dec. 14, '99	2344	2000	Paralysis, Dec. 13, '03.
19359	J. E. McCarthy, Kalispell, Wis....	51	Nov. 28, '98	5401	2000	Suicide by hooting, Dec. 8, '03.
19360	John H. Michels, Kaukauna, Wis..	51	Feb. 6, '97	4197	2000	Nephritis, Dec. 10, '03.
19361	Nels Andersen, St. Paul, Minn....	41	July 27, '99	1637	1000	Tuberculosis, Dec. 11, '03.
19362	D. E. Chapman, Middle Valley, Ida.	27	Aug. 12, '02	10493	1000	Typhoid fever, Dec. 10, '03.
19363	George F. Bellis, Glade Mills, Pa.	28	Dec. 26, '00	9075	1000	Typhoid fever, Dec. 11, '03.
19364	H. St. G. Palmer, Paterson, N. J..	27	Aug. 23, '01	7734	3000	Pneumonia, Dec. 11, '03.
19365	Byron P. Dowell, Guston, Ky.....	31	Sept. 3, '03	11324	3000	Pneumonia, Dec. 11, '03.
19366	Andrew H. Neff, Elmo, Mo.....	25	April 17, '00	6526	1000	Appendicitis, Dec. 11, '03.
19367	Leonard J. Garlock, Wells, Minn..	31	Mar. 28, '99	1960	2000	Myelitis, Dec. 12, '03.
19368	Sam Livingston, So. Omaha, Neb..	46	Mar 14, '98	1095	3000	Apoplexy, Dec. 13, '03.
19369	Joseph Weber, Rushville, Neb.....	40	Jan. 22, '02	1092	2000	Appendicitis, Dec. 13, '03.
19370	Thomas E. Barlett, Sabina, O.....	42	Jan. 30, '01	6357	1000	Hepatitis, Dec. 13, '03.
19371	Nels C. Foss, Milnor, N. D.....	32	Mar. 10, '00	2457	2000	Pneumonia, Dec. 13, '03.
19372	H. Watson Mayne, Linn Grove, Ia.	44	June 25, '97	4854	2000	Suicide by shooting, Dec. 14,'03.
19373	L. H. Pfeifer, Evans City, Pa.....	40	April 9, '03	11147	3000	Peritonitis, Dec. 13, '03.
19374	Edgar D. Robison, Towanda, Kan.	36	July 25, '95	3108	3000	Tuberculosis, Dec. 14, '03.
19375	Lewis Knuteson, Loui, Wis.....	46	July 5, '95	525	3000	Pneumonia, Dec. 14, '03.
19377	Samuel F. Herndon, Osceola, Mo..	42	Mar. 12, '98	2791	2000	Nephrolithiasis, Dec. 14, '03.
19378	Valentine G. Pfeil, Algoma, Wis..	45	April 19, '99	6434	3000	Typhoid fever, Dec. 15, '03.
19379	Wm. Bowes, Michigan City, Ind...	41	Sept. 29, '99	3568	2000	Diabetes, Dec. 15, '03.
19381	George Sandberg, Salem, S. D.....	49	Dec. 30, '98	3390	2000	Disease of heart, Dec. 11, '03.
19382	Chas. Leistikon, Elizabeth, Minn..	47	Dec. 9, '97	5193	2000	Myelitis, Dec. 11, '03.
19383	Levi Gilbert, Sterling, Ill.....	65	Dec. 21, '84	12	2000	Cancer of stomach Dec. 11, '03.
19384	J. H. Mann, Sauk Centre, Minn...	38	Sept. 3, '98	3443	1000	Peritonitis, Dec. 14, '03.
19385	Fred Stidley, Fort Madison, Ia....	45	April 21, '94	1600	2000	Accidental injury, Dec. 14, '03.
19386	L. T. Causey, Hagarstown, Ill....	44	Jan. 7, '90	1041	2000	Pulm'ry dyspnea, Dec. 15, '03.
19387	Fred Thompson, Albion, Mich.....	50	Mar. 25, '96	1929	2000	Disease of brain, Dec. 16, '03.
19388	William H. Graham, Lowell, Wis..	48	Dec. 5, '94	2611	1000	Pneumonia, Dec. 1, '03.
19389	Fred O. Peterson, Somers, Mont...	38	April 2, '96	10585	1000	Tuberculosis, Dec. 3, '03.
19390	Albert A. Allen, Seattle, Wash....	39	Sept. 11, '01	9671	1000	Uremia, Dec. 12, '03.
19391	Elijah Lee Ivie, Tulsa, Ind. Ter...	32	Nov. 19, '01	6967	1000	Pernicious anemia, Dec. 13, '03.
19392	Eugene D. Gibbs, Mason City, Ia..	52	Sept. 8, '88	709	3000	Pneumonia, Dec. 13, '03.
19393	J. S. Gillpatrick, Iron Mount'n, Mo.	43	May 5, '02	9424	1000	Pneumonia, Dec. 15, '03.
19394	Wm. A. Patten, Syracuse, N. Y...	40	Mar. 18, '02	8473	3000	Tuberculosis, Dec. 15, '03.
19395	James C. Hall, Kalamazoo, Mich..	40	July 10, '96	851	2000	Pneumonia, Dec. 16, '03.
19396	Wm. E. Mann, Prairie City, Ill...	39	Jan. 22, '01	1335	1000	Typhoid fever, Dec. 17, '03.
19397	P. A. Dittman, Independence, Kan.	28	July 3, '03	649	2000	Typhoid pneumonia, Dec. 7, '03.
19398	John C. Harkey, Irving, Ill.....	58	Oct. 9, '90	1498	2000	Cancer, Dec. 11, '03.
19399	Fred C. Rust, Kokomo, Ind.....	45	July 28, '98	3987	2000	Nephritis, Dec. 13, '03.
19401	George W. Cross, Melvern, Kan...	46	Jan. 10, '98	2036	1000	Disease of heart, Dec. 16, '03.
19402	J. R. Johnson, Great Bend, Kan...	42	Aug. 19, '99	1649	2000	Tuberculosis, Dec. 15, '03.
19403	Fred Boettcher, Dubuque, Ia.....	48	Aug. 16, '92	984	2000	Accidental injury, Dec. 15, '03.
19404	Charles W. Mote, Forest, Idaho...	47	Feb. 12, '01	5477	1000	Disease of heart, Dec. 14, '03.
19405	John Davis, Durham, Ill.....	40	Feb. 10, '99	3528	3000	Gangrene, Dec. 16, '03.
19406	George Hilers, Virginia, Neb.....	45	Nov. 8, '99	1967	2000	Pneumonia, Dec. 16, '03.
19407	F. G. Holtom, Battle Creek, Mich.	23	June 6, '03	911	1000	Appendicitis, Dec. 17, '03.
19408	W. H. Goodwin, Lincoln, Neb.....	55	Mar. 5, '90	969	3000	Locomotor ataxia, Dec. 17, '03.
19410	Hugh Armstrong, Castalia, Ia.....	33	July 12, '99	6795	1000	Tuberculosis, Dec. 18, '03.
19411	Gabriel M. Gunn, Versailles, Mo...	50	Nov. 6, '94	2542	1000	Pneumonia, Dec. 18, '03.
19412	Lewis A. Jones, Star, Idaho.....	48	Oct. 23, '00	10636	1000	Pneumonia, Dec. 18, '03.
19413	M. F. Shirck, Waterville, Kan....	50	Mar. 23, '95	949	2000	Diabetes, Dec. 19, '03.
19414	Chas. A. Mungor, Stafford, Kan...	37	Sept. 25, '02	1928	1000	Typhoid fever, Dec. 19, '03.
19415	Chas. Masow, Jr., Annemore, Wis.		Mar. 24, '98	3156	2000	Cancer of liver, Dec. 20, '03.
19416	Adam Friend, McClure, O.....	43	Dec. 6, '99	6205	2000	Appendicitis, Dec. 20, '03.
19417	Chas. L. De Groff, McCook, Neb...	43	Aug. 20, '95	663	3000	Psoas abscess, Oct. 31, '03.
19418	August Linden, Evanston, Ill.....	41	April 11, '03	7708	1000	Pneumonia, Dec. 14, '03.
19419	Hiram L. Belt, Harrisburg, Ill....	36	Dec. 7, '97	5147	2000	Malarial fever, Dec. 17, '03.
19420	Charles A. Zellers, Youngstown, O.	37	Nov. 25, '95	3513	2000	Typhoid fever, Dec. 19, '03.
19421	F. W. Shirley, Holding Ford, Minn.	31	July 26, '99	5611	1000	Tuberculosis, Dec. 5, '03.
19423	George Powell, Minneapolis, Minn.	46	April 1, '99	1931	1000	Abscess of brain, Dec. 14, '03.
19425	George A. Hawley, Oxford, Neb...	45	Jan. 25, '96	2293	2000	Consumption, Dec. 16, '03.
19426	Seward J. Smith, Morley, Ia.....	48	Aug. 13, '96	4134	2000	Suicide by hanging, Dec. 17, '03.
19427	Jacob N. Becker, Stanley, Wis....	40	April 6, '98	2001	1000	Accidental injury, Dec. 19, '03.
19428	Thomas Dunn, Hastings, Neb.....	55	Mar. 9, '93	4201	2000	Diabetes mellitus, Dec. 21, '03.
19429	Robert J. Pointer, Clarksdale, Ill..	48	Feb. 28, '90	375	2000	Erysipelas, Dec. 21, '03.
19430	Geo. M. Shoulders, Granden, Mo..	42	Aug. 2, '97	4908	2000	Apoplexy, Dec. 21, '03.
19431	Wesley C. Smith, Burlington, Ia..	25	April 1, '99	98	1000	Tuberculosis, Dec. 22, '03.
19432	Geo. L. Holgate, Larchland, Ill....	36	Jan. 25, '00	5641	3000	Dis. of stomach, Nov. 18, '03.
19433	H. L. Carpenter, Cedar Falls, Ia..	30	Jan. 30, '99	368	2000	Accidental injury, Dec. 14, '03.
19434	Henry C. Green, Miller, Neb.....	62	Sept. 30, '91	973	2000	Cancer of rectum, Dec. 15, '03.
19435	James E. Collins, Metz, Mo.....	32	Nov. 9, '99	3387	1000	Pneumonia, Dec. 18, '03.
19436	Orwin E. Blouch, Pueblo, Colo....	31	Oct. 3, '01	8664	500	Psoas abscess, Dec. 19, '03.
19437	Ebenezer Kennedy, Shubert, Neb..	51	Aug. 7, '89	4345	2000	Pneumonia, Dec. 21, '03.
19438	John F. Rewick, Xenia, Ill.....	47	Oct. 28, '99	6535	1000	Alcoholism, Dec. 22, '03.
19439	Richard Moore, Farmington, Mo...	47	Feb. 3, '96	2617	2000	Disease of heart, Dec. 22, '03.
19441	Charlie Kennedy, Peoria, Ill.....	29	Feb. 2, '01	1505	1000	Consumption, Dec. 18, '03.
19442	Benj. F. Cox, Hermitage, Mo.....	40	May 14, '98	3544	1000	Tuberculosis, Dec. 19, '03.
19443	James A. Vail, So. Omaha, Neb...	64	July 23, '90	1035	1000	Paralysis, Dec. 20, '03.
19444	Fletcher Forest, Range, O.....	31	Sept. 11, '02	6726	1000	Consumption, Dec. 20, '03.
19445	James W. Lyman, Monroe, Wis...	39	June 8, '99	410	3000	Paralysis, Dec. 21, '03.
19446	Maryjon Podgorski, Duluth, Minn.	36	June 25, '01	2341	1000	Accidental injury, Dec. 22, '03.
19447	Max Zucker, Collinsville, Ill.....	50	May 21, '95	373	2000	Disease of heart, Dec. 22, '03.
19448	H. S. Morrison, Scales Mound, Ill..	31	April 4, '93	1130	3000	Peritonitis, Dec. 22, '03.
19449	Conrad Henn, Toluca, Ill.....	37	April 4, '96	3643	2000	Strang. hernia, Dec. 22, '03.
19450	Andrew C. Nelson, Neenah, Wis...	46	Jan. 23, '94	612	2000	Pneumonia, Dec. 23, '03.
19451	R. U. Dinsmore, Baldwin, Kan...	39	Feb. 8, '97	4086	1000	Cancer, Dec. 24, '03.
19452	Jonathan J. Callender, Pana, Ill...	54	Mar. 20, '90	244	2000	Sarcoma, Dec. 24, '03.
19453	W. G. Rosenbury, Bay City, Mich.	31	Jan. 17, '02	1328	3000	Typhoid fever, Dec. 24, '03.
19454	Wm. J. Summers, Boonville, Mo...	38	April 13, '97	3701	2000	Disease of heart, Dec. 24, '03.
19455	Martin J. Moyer, Centralia, Kan..	51	Mar. 21, '96	1356	2000	Bronchitis, Dec. 24, '03.
19457	Jerry De Pue Brown, Genoa, Ill...	34	Feb. 7, '94	163	2000	Pneumonia, Dec. 25, '03.
19458	Albert W. Tallman, Osage, Ia....	61	Oct. 5, '86	250	2000	Apoplexy, Dec. 26, '03.
19459	Alphonse Mayer, Coeur d'Alene, Ida.	45	Aug. 12, '99	8227	2000	Carcinoma of stom., Nov. 26, '03.
19460	Wm. G. Shearburn, Sanger, Cal...	38	June 13, '00	8257	2000	Accidental gunshot, Dec. 11,'03.
19461	Peter Levine, Ft. Madison, Ia....	47	Oct. 24, '96	1600	2000	Accidental injury, Dec. 14, '03.
19462	Edward E. Mackey, Stark, Mo....	42	Feb. 7, '01	5474	2000	Tuberculosis, Dec. 16, '03.
19464	Jerome R. Clowds, Sanger, Cal...	48	July 5, '00	8257	2000	Tuberculosis, Dec. 17, '03.
19465	Jacob R. Sites, Wilson Mills, Mo.	45	Sept. 7, '98	6678	2000	Tuberculosis, Dec. 20, '03.
19466	F. L. Landes, Green Castle, Ind...	46	Nov. 7, '95	3349	3000	Disease of heart, Dec. 22, '03.
19467	Fred A. Harwood, Manville, Ill...	30	July 17, '96	4055	1000	Cancer of stomach, Dec. 22, '03.
19468	Geo. F. Desper, Springfield, Ill....	42	April 4, '94	872	2000	Tuberculosis, Dec. 22, '03.
19470	Rickmer Volkerts, Sabula, Ia.....	48	May 11, '98	122	2000	Accidental injury, Dec. 23, '03.
19471	John H. Thrall, Oshkosh, Wis.....	24	April 25, '03	378	1000	Menengitis, Dec. 24, '03.
19472	Burton A. Delcour, Bourbon, Mo...	23	Jan. 30, '03	2136	1000	Typhoid fever, Dec. 25, '03.
19473	T. W. Roberts, Springfield, Ill....	59	June 18, '90	1418	2000	Accidental injury, Dec. 26, '03.
19474	John F. Gadd, Lincoln, Neb.....	29	April 10, '99	1332	1000	Pneumonia, Dec. 27, '03.
19475	Henry T. Kay, Topeka, Kan.....	56	Dec. 4, '90	536	3000	Paralysis, Dec. 27, '03.
19476	Wm. Koester, Moscow Mills, Mo..	52	Mar. 5, '96	2860	1000	Suicide by shooting, Dec. 18, '03.
19477	Francis A. Byfield, Cropsey, Ill...	42	May 28, '01	3122	1000	Abscess of liver, Dec. 28, '03.
19479	Henry C. Jordan, Pleasanton, Kan.	37	April 5, '99	1039	2000	Pneumonia, Dec. 24, '03.
19481	Wm. H. Lathrop, Newton, Ill.....	50	Dec. 14, '87	479	3000	Peritonitis, Dec. 7, '03.
19482	Peter H. Dennis, Duluth, Minn...	49	Dec. 22, '98	2206	2000	Disease of heart, Dec. 15, '03.
19483	John J. Sexton, Kansas City, Mo..	35	Nov. 18, '98	1990	2000	Cirrhosis of liver, Dec. 20, '03.
19484	Fred S. Bunting, Macksburg, Ia...	34	Aug. 12, '96	4133	2000	Consumption, Dec. 23, '03.
19486	Oscar H. Collins, Nevada, Mo.....	37	June 26, '03	3142	1000	Asphyxiation, Dec. 24, '03.
19488	Chas. J. Bruat, Akron, O.....	35	July 24, '02	4937	1000	Tuberculosis, Dec. 25, '03.
19490	J. A. Hickman, Garden City, Kan.	43	Oct. 20, '98	954	2000	Typhoid fever, Dec. 26, '03.
19492	Chas. J. Vaughn, Sheridan, Mo....	24	Jan. 29, '01	2960	1000	Accidental injury, Dec. 26, '03.
19493	R. B. Marshall, Youngstown, O....	41	Sept. 27, '97	3513	2000	Consumption, Dec. 26, '03.
19495	Berton R. Boddy, Norton, Kan....	34	Mar. 26, '96	592	2000	Apoplexy, Dec. 27, '03.
19496	C. G. A. Johnson, St. Paul, Minn..	34	Nov. 16, '00	5453	2000	Nephritis, Dec. 27, '03.
19499	Ralph Burt, Hesperia, Mich.....	24	May 6, '01	1506	1000	Pneumonia, Dec. 27, '03.
19501	Mearl Waitman, Wheatland, Wyo..	34	Mar. 16, '01	5449	3000	Appendicitis, Dec. 22, '03.
19502	A. Rifenburg, Stafford Spg's, Conn.	38	Dec. 2, '01	10165	3000	Abscess of liver, Dec. 23, '03.
19503	John A. Senhenn, Tenney, Minn...	46	May 5, '96	3846	3000	Aortic stenosis, Dec. 24, '03.
19504	Nels Sorensen, Ouray, Colo.....	42	April 20, '00	8003	3000	Cancer of liver, Dec. 24, '03.
19505	John W. Evans, Newark, O.....	43	Mar. 21, '99	4727	2000	Tuberculosis, Dec. 24, '03.
19508	J. M. McSween, Reed City, Mich..	23	July 13, '00	1570	1000	Accidental injury, Dec. 26, '03.
19509	H. Desjardin, Marinette, Wis.....	46	Mar. 5, '00	421	1000	Hem. of stomach, Dec. 29, '03.
19510	Henry C. Streitz, Omaha, Neb....	46	Sept. 5, '90	945	3000	Tuberculosis, Dec. 29, '03.
19511	Martin H. Eaton, Mauston, Wis...	47	Dec. 7, '97	549	2000	Accidental injury, Dec. 29, '03.
19512	Chas. S. Allen, Makanda, Ill.....	28	Feb. 12, '01	7956	1000	Appendicitis, Dec. 30, '03.
19513	Yale J. McCarger, Boone, Ia.....	34	Aug. 19, '02	305	2000	Acute mania, Dec. 15, '03.
19514	John B. Mathena, Everest, Kan...	49	Mar. 25, '98	1409	1000	Accidental injury, Dec.